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PATTERN

Short & Sweet Shorts

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SHORT & sweet

by Sharon Madsen

Turn heads with a sassy pair of shorts featuring a decorative scalloped hem.

Complete your outfit with this stretchy tank featured in "Tank Girl" on page 80.

SUPPLIES

Lightweight 42"-wide woven fabric (such as linen, chambray or rayon challis; amount according to hip measurement)

¾"-wide elastic (amount according to waist measurement)

Matching & contrasting all-purpose thread

Removable fabric marker

Safety pin

Point turner

Card stock or heavy paper

Hand sewing needle

Serger (optional)

CUT IT

Download the Short & Sweet pattern at sewitallmag.com. Cut out the pattern pieces in the desired size according to the chart at right.

To create a scallop template, trace the shorts hem curves onto card stock or heavy paper. Carefully cut out the template.

From the fabric, cut one front pair, one back pair and two leg facing pairs. Cut one waistband measuring 3"x35½" for size XS, 3"x38" for size S, 3"x42" for size M or 3"x45½" for size L. Transfer all markings.

Position elastic around your waistline so that it's comfortably snug; trim the excess elastic.

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Highlight the scallops by using a contrasting fabric for the facing, or use a decorative appliqué stitch along the facing edges.

SIZE	HIP	YARDAGE
XS	32″	1 ⅝
S	36″	1 ⅝
M	40″	1 ¾
L	44″	1 ¾

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Use ½″ seam allowances unless otherwise noted.

Align the right front and one back with right sides together, matching the notches; pin. Stitch the outer leg seam; press open, and then serge- or zigzag-finish the seam. Repeat to stitch the left leg.

Align two facings with right sides together; pin. Place the scallop template over the facing, aligning the sides. Trace the template upper stitching line onto the facing (1).

Stitch along the traced line, pivoting at each scallop upper point. Trim the seam allowance to ¼″ and clip the curves and corners. Turn the facing right side out, using a point turner to shape the upper points; press. Repeat to stitch the two remaining facings.

Position one facing right side down over the right-leg wrong side, aligning the sides and lower edges. Position the scallop template over the facing, aligning the sides and matching the dots. Trace the lower curved stitching line onto the facing.

Stitch along the traced line, pivoting at each scallop upper point. Trim the seam allowance to ¼″ and clip the curves and corners. Turn the facing right side out toward the shorts right side. Gently push out and shape the scallops with your finger; press. Pin the facing to the leg.

Thread the machine with contrasting thread. Edgestitch the facing upper and lower edges, pivoting at each scallop point (2). Repeat to attach the remaining facing to the left leg.

With right sides together, align the left-leg inseam edges; pin, and then stitch. Press open the seam, and then serge- or zigzag-finish. Align the inner leg seams; stitch. Serge- or zigzag-finish the seams and press to one side or press open.

Turn one leg right side out, and insert it into the opposite leg with right sides together, aligning the inseams and outer seams. Pin the crotch seam (3).

Stitch the crotch seam from the crotch point to the front upper edge, and then stitch from the crotch point to the back upper edge.

Fold the waistband in half lengthwise with wrong sides together; press, and then unfold. Align the short ends with right sides together; pin. Stitch the short end from one long edge to the foldline, and then stitch for ½″ from the opposite long edge to leave an opening for inserting elastic (4). Press open the seam.

Fold the waistband in half lengthwise along the first foldline with wrong sides together. Baste the long raw edges.

With right sides together, align the waistband long raw edges with the shorts upper edge, matching the waistband seam to the center-back seam; pin, and then stitch (5). Serge- or zigzag-finish the seam, and then press toward the shorts.

FINISH IT

Attach a safety pin to one elastic end, and then pin the remaining end to the waistband-casing opening. Use the safety pin to guide the elastic through the casing, evenly adjusting the waistband fullness.

Remove the safety pin. Overlap the elastic ends by ½″; pin, and then stitch close to each end through both elastic layers. Place the elastic ends within the casing, and then slipstitch the casing closed.

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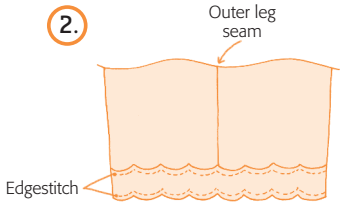

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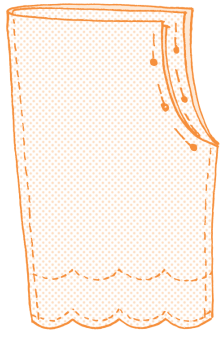

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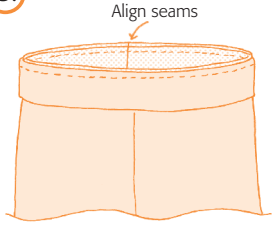

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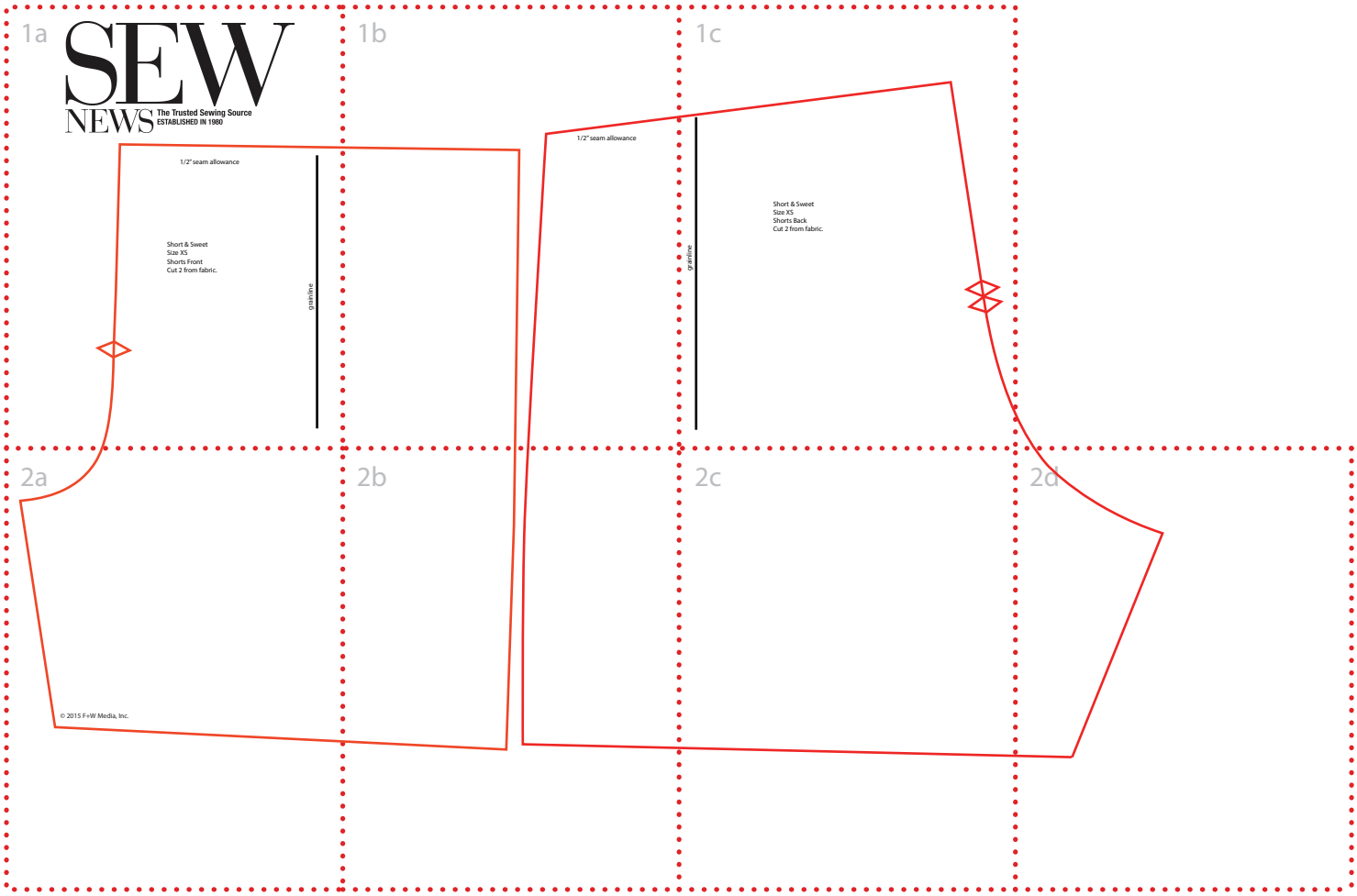
2″ Test Square



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grainline

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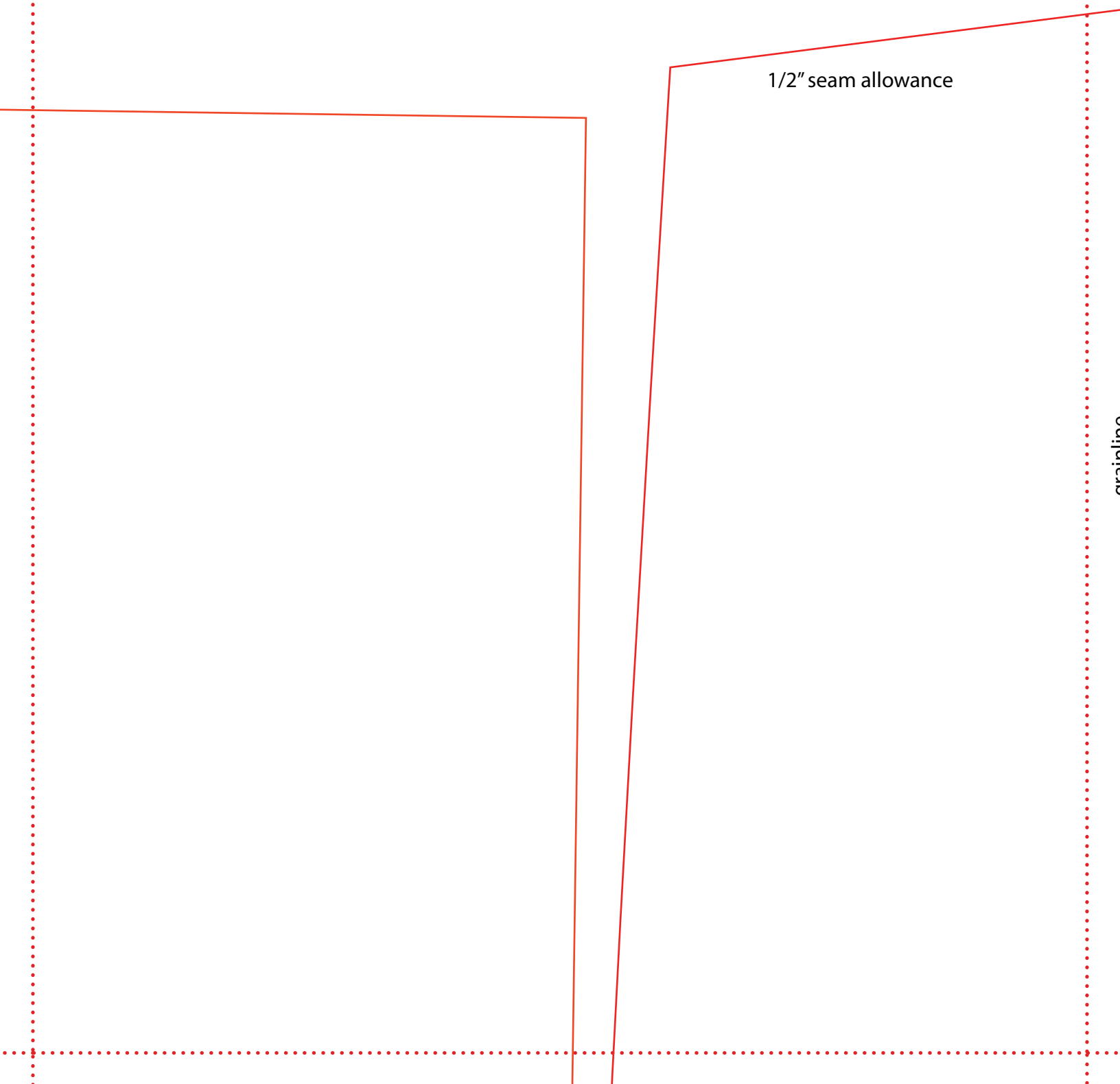

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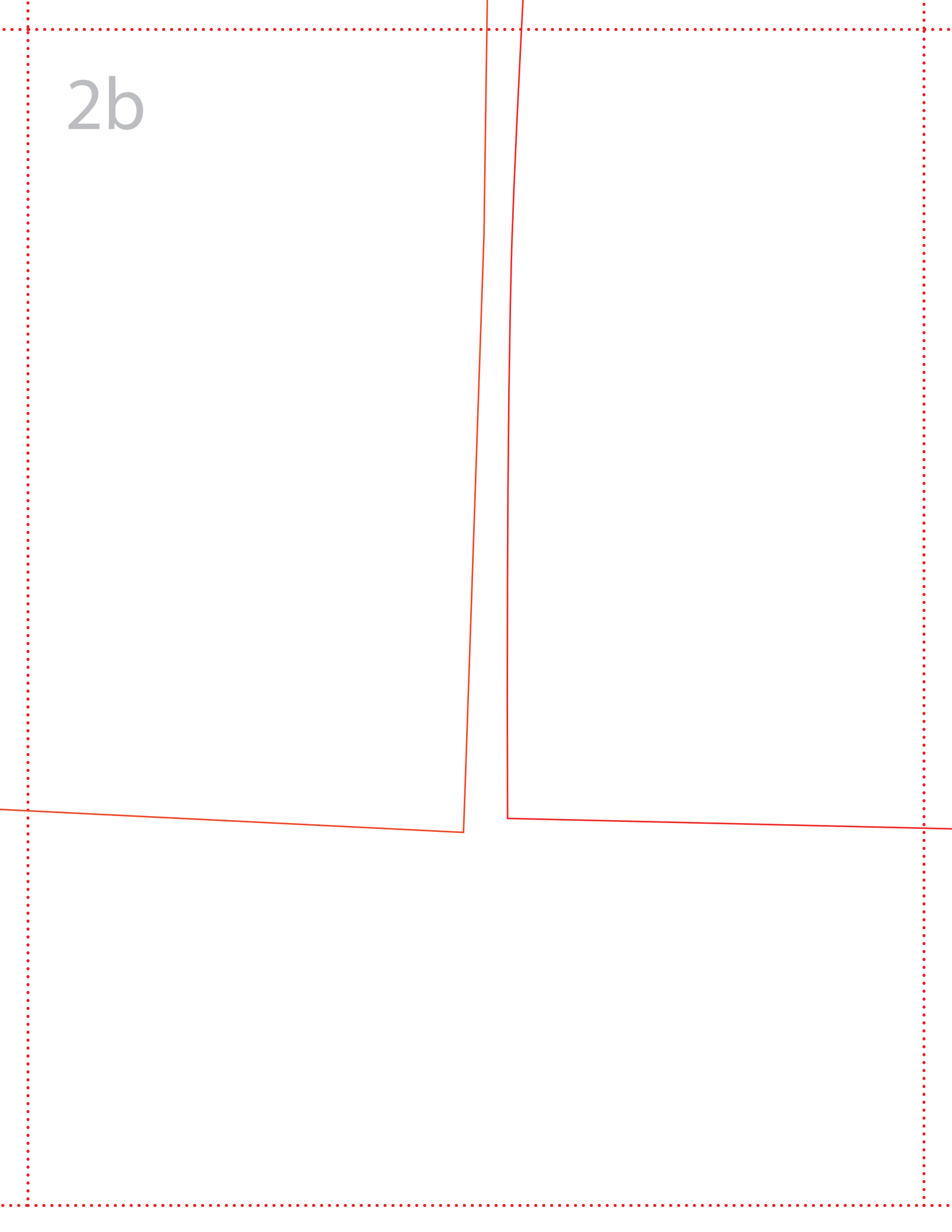
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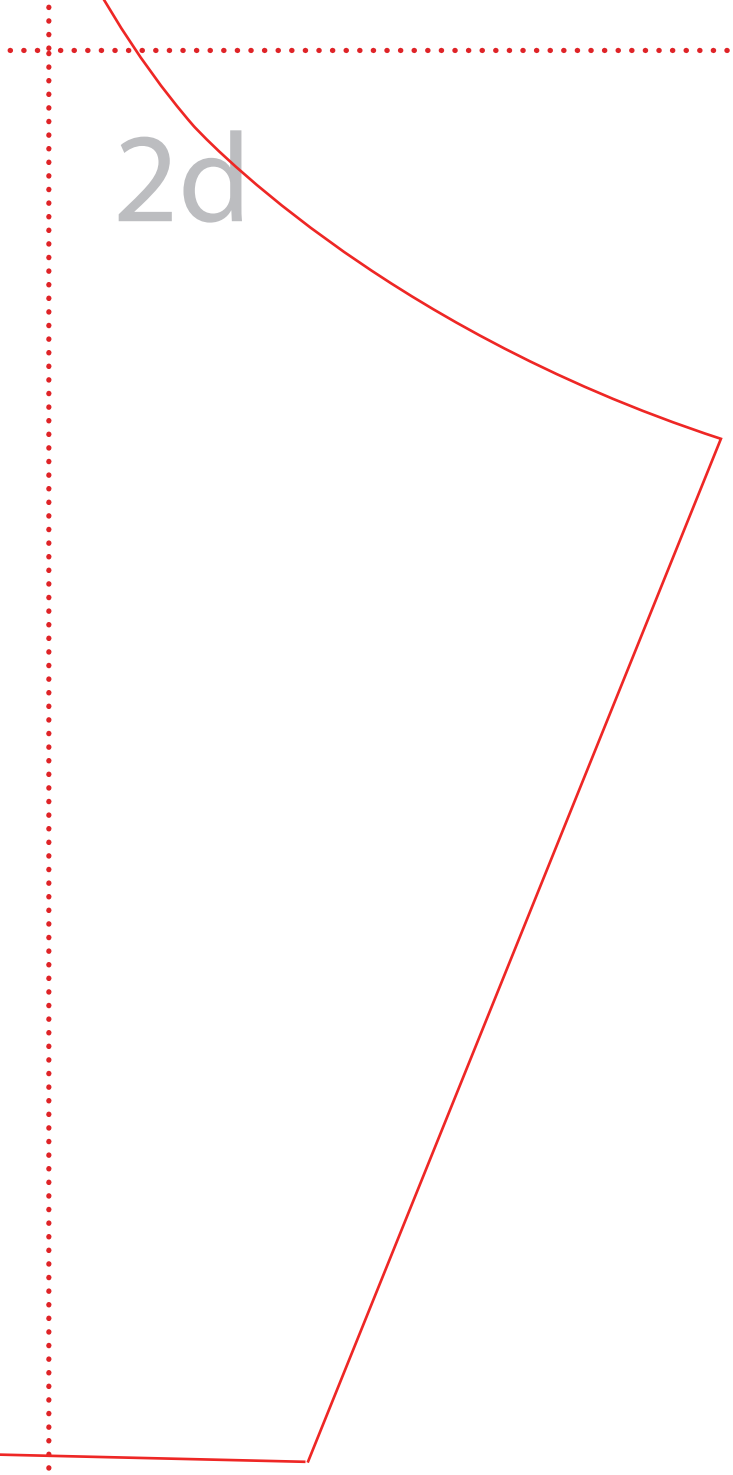
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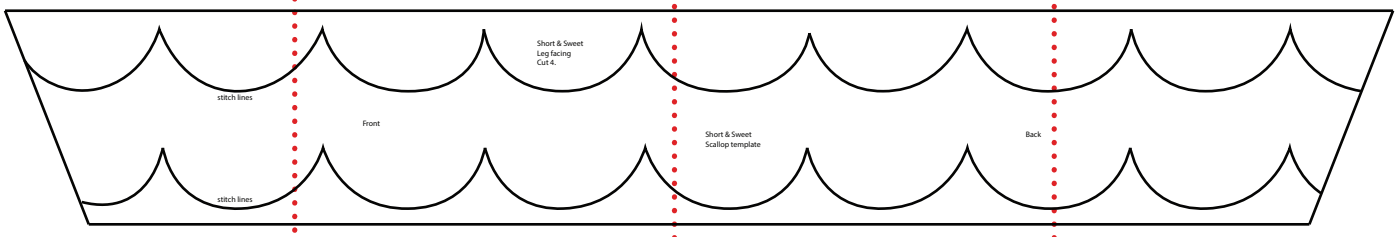

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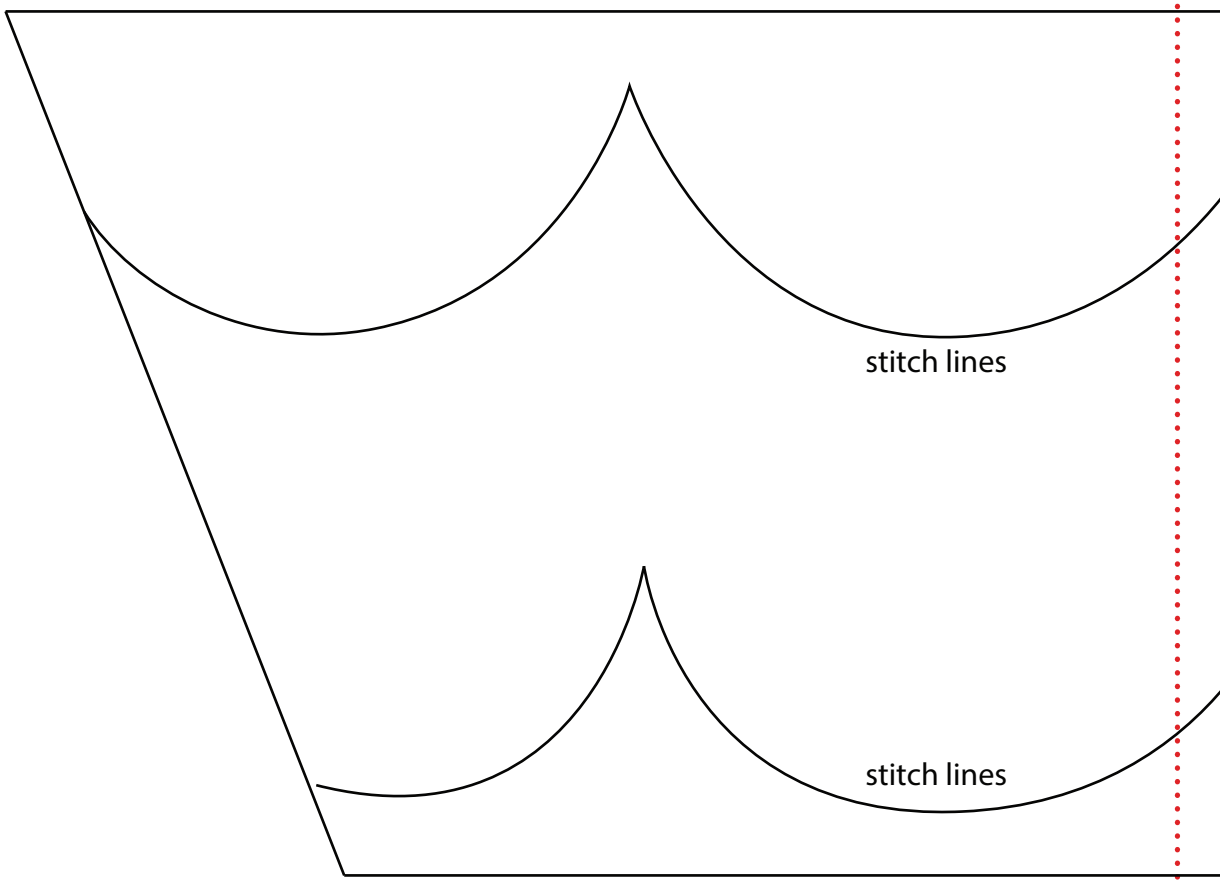

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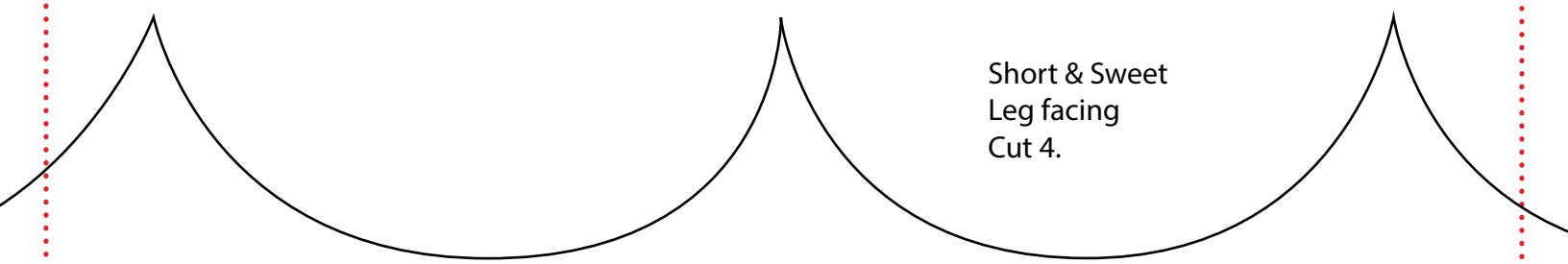

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Leg facing
Cut 4.

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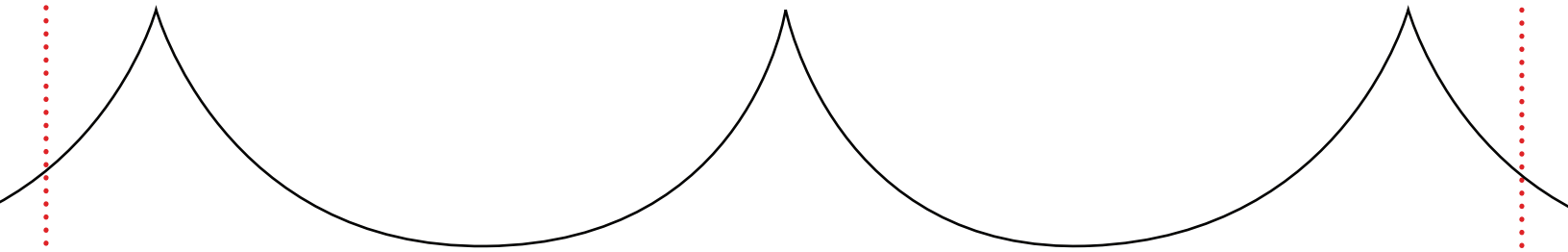

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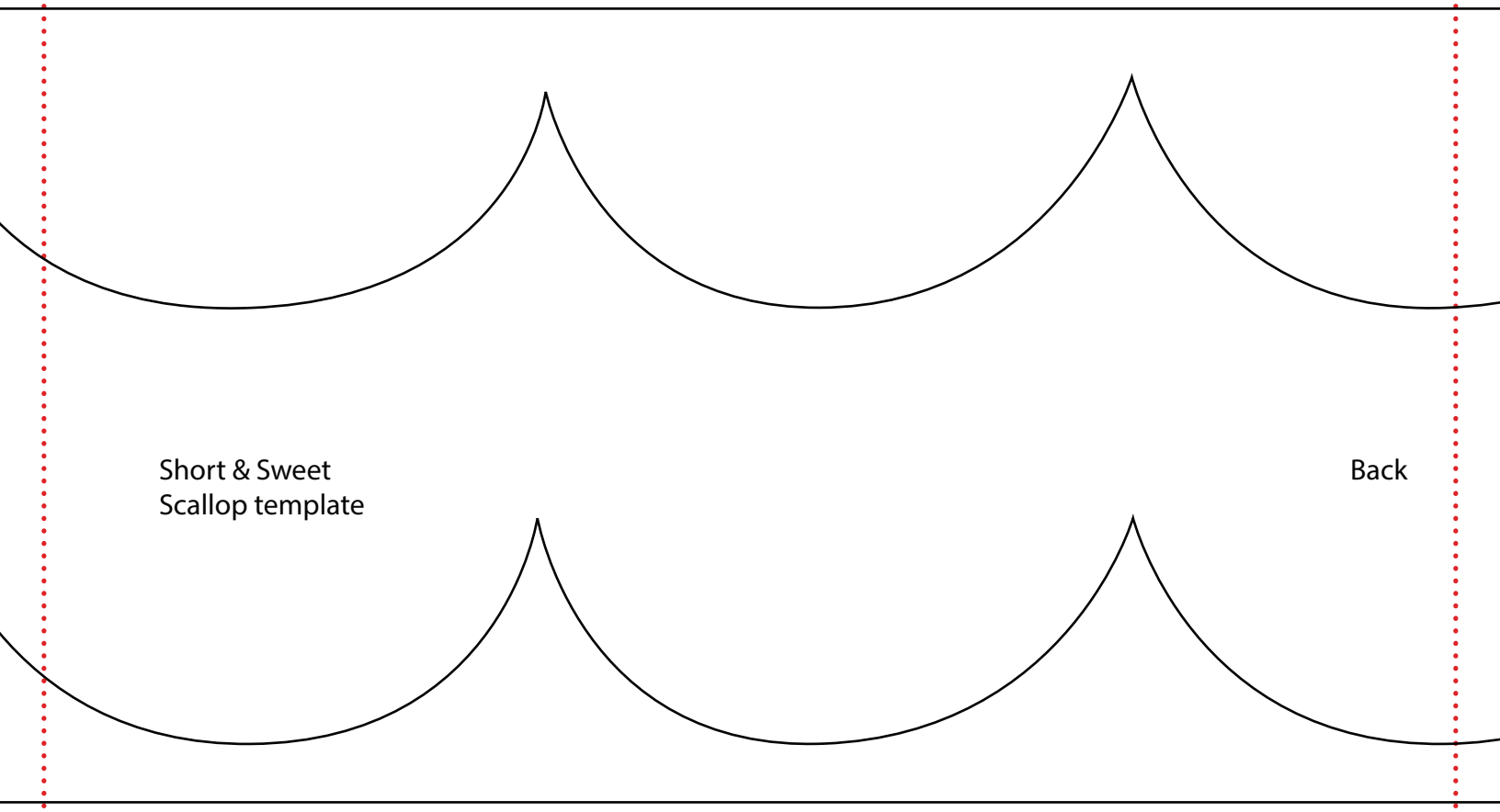

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Scallop template

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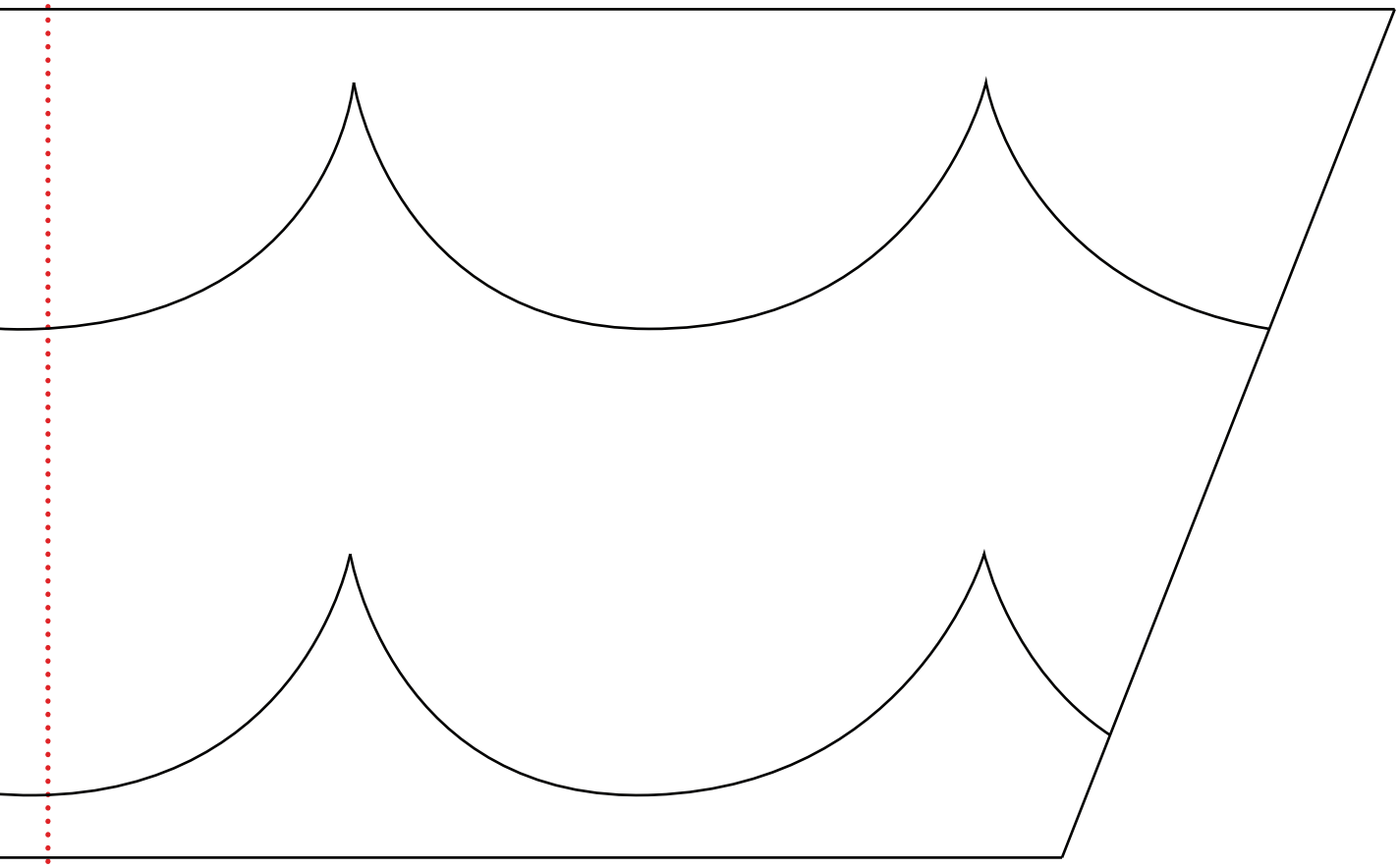

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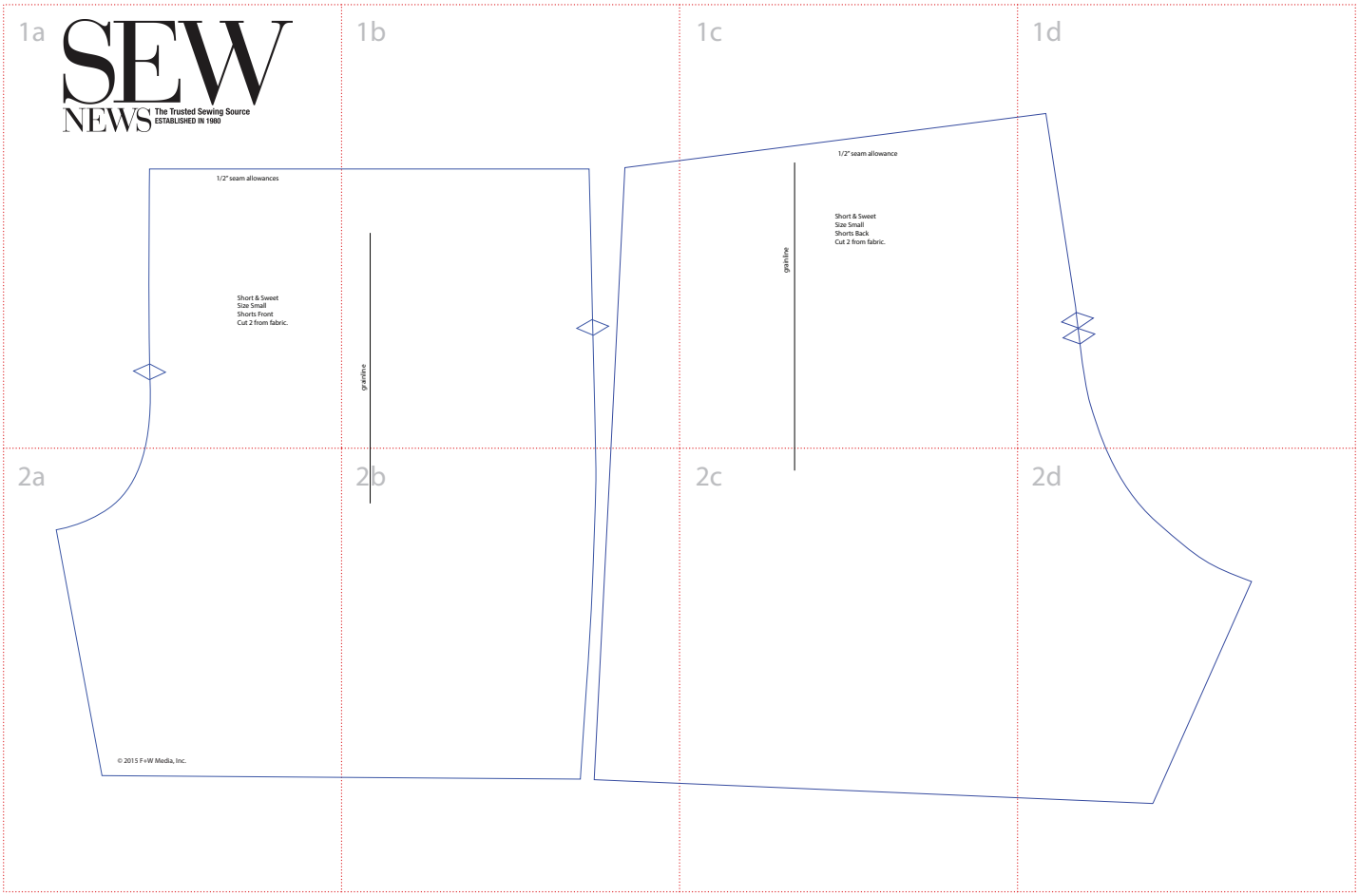

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1/2" seam allowances

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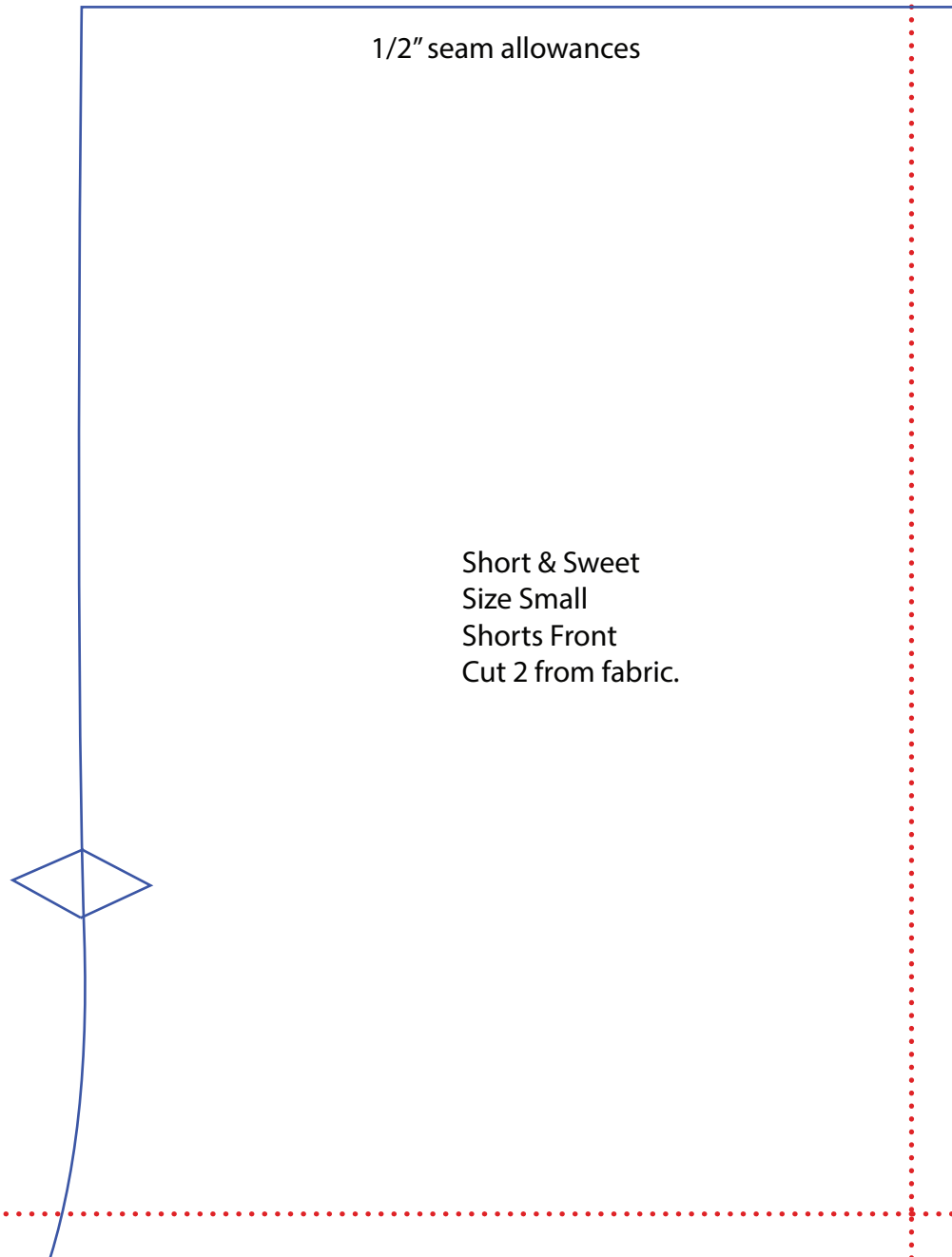

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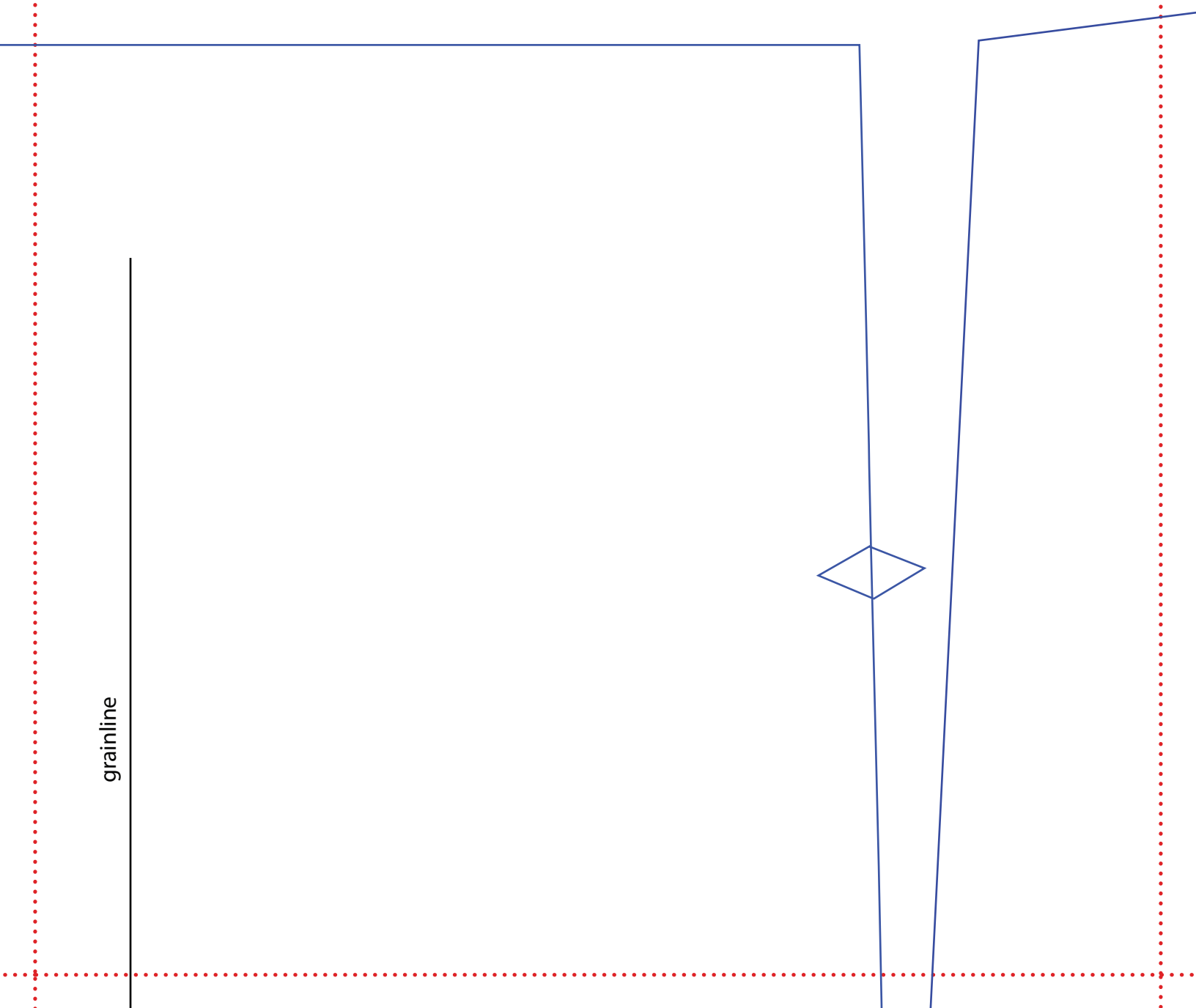

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1/2" seam allowance

grainline

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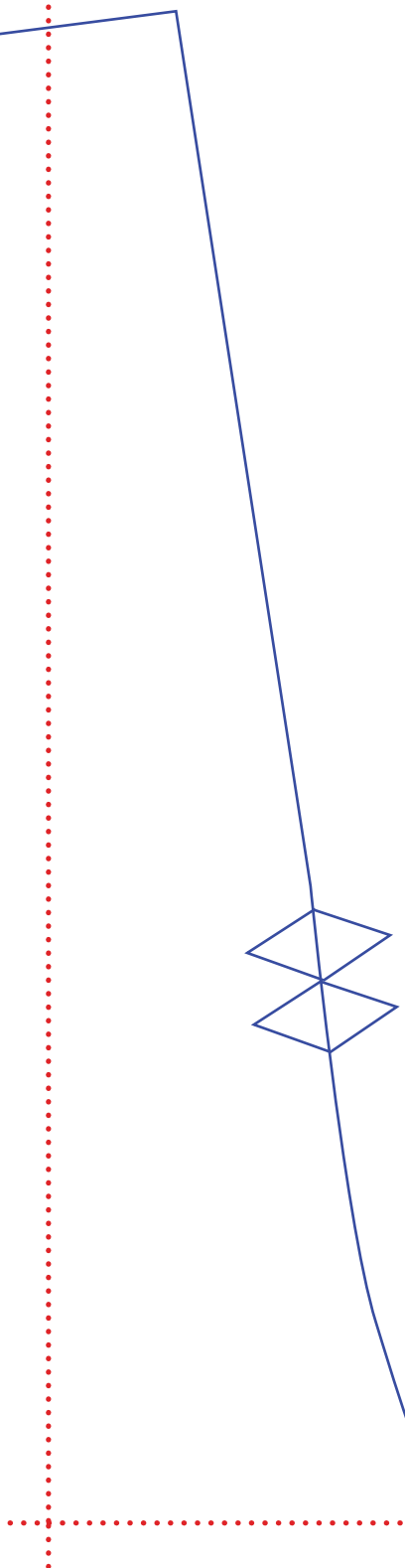

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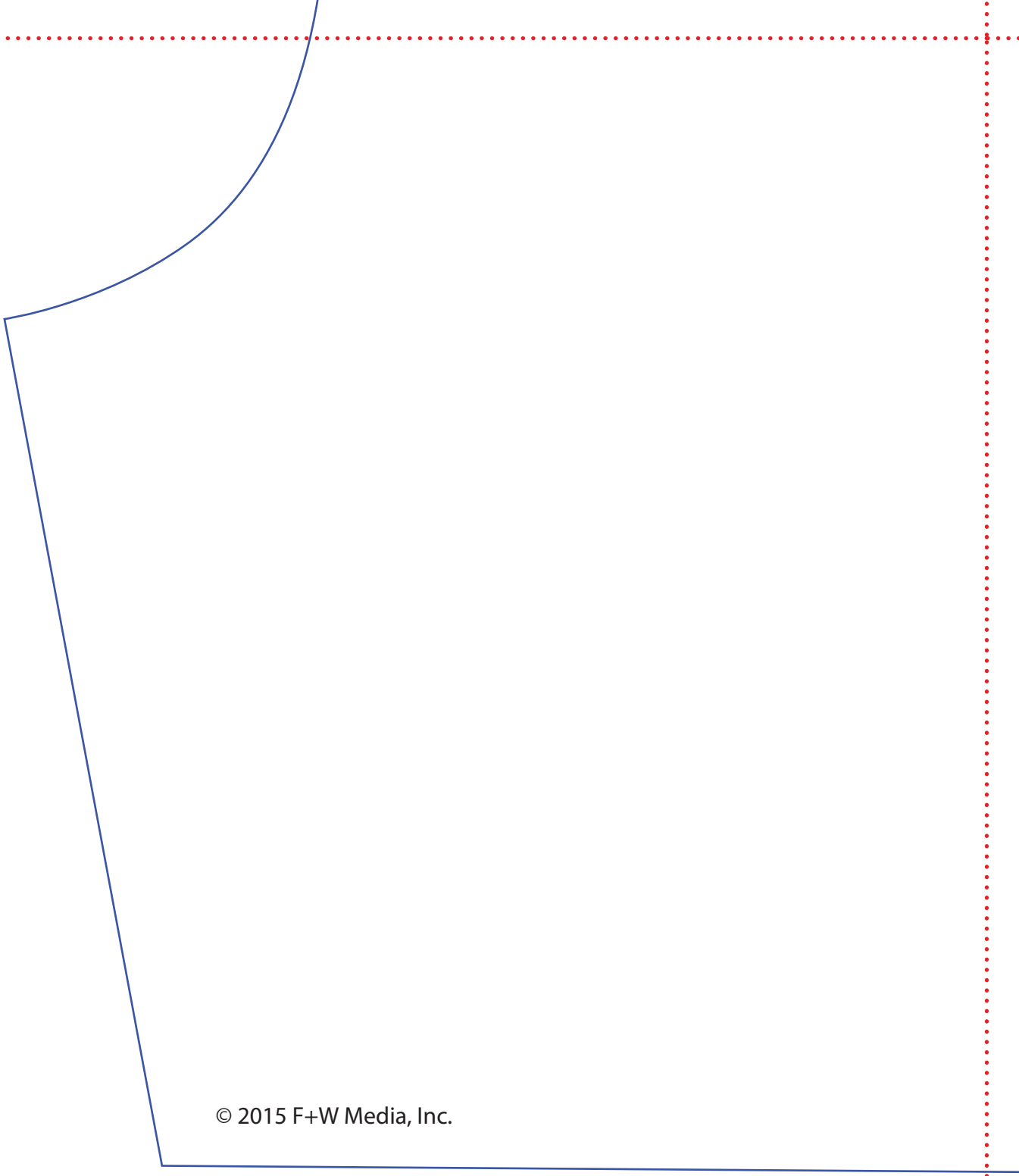

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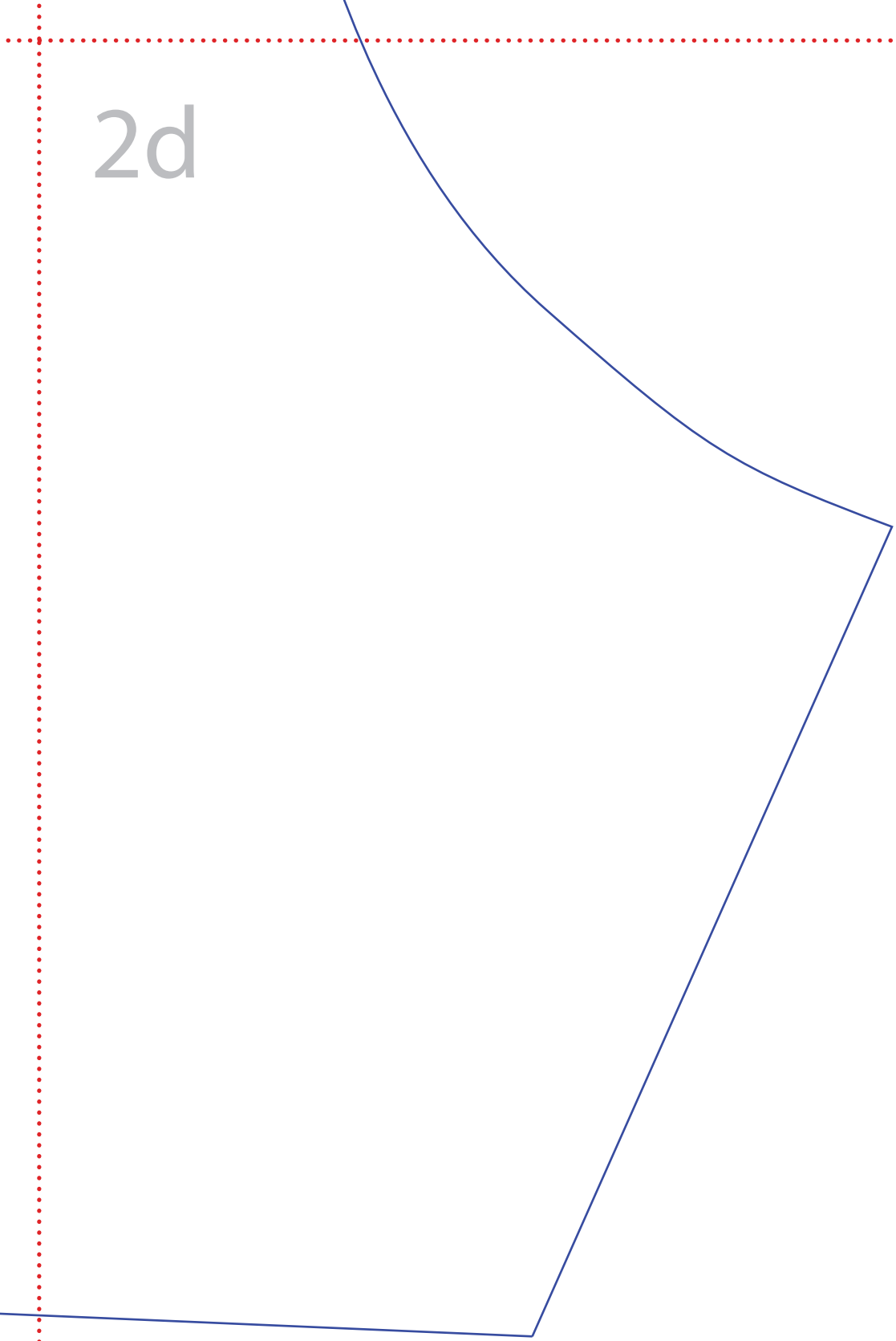

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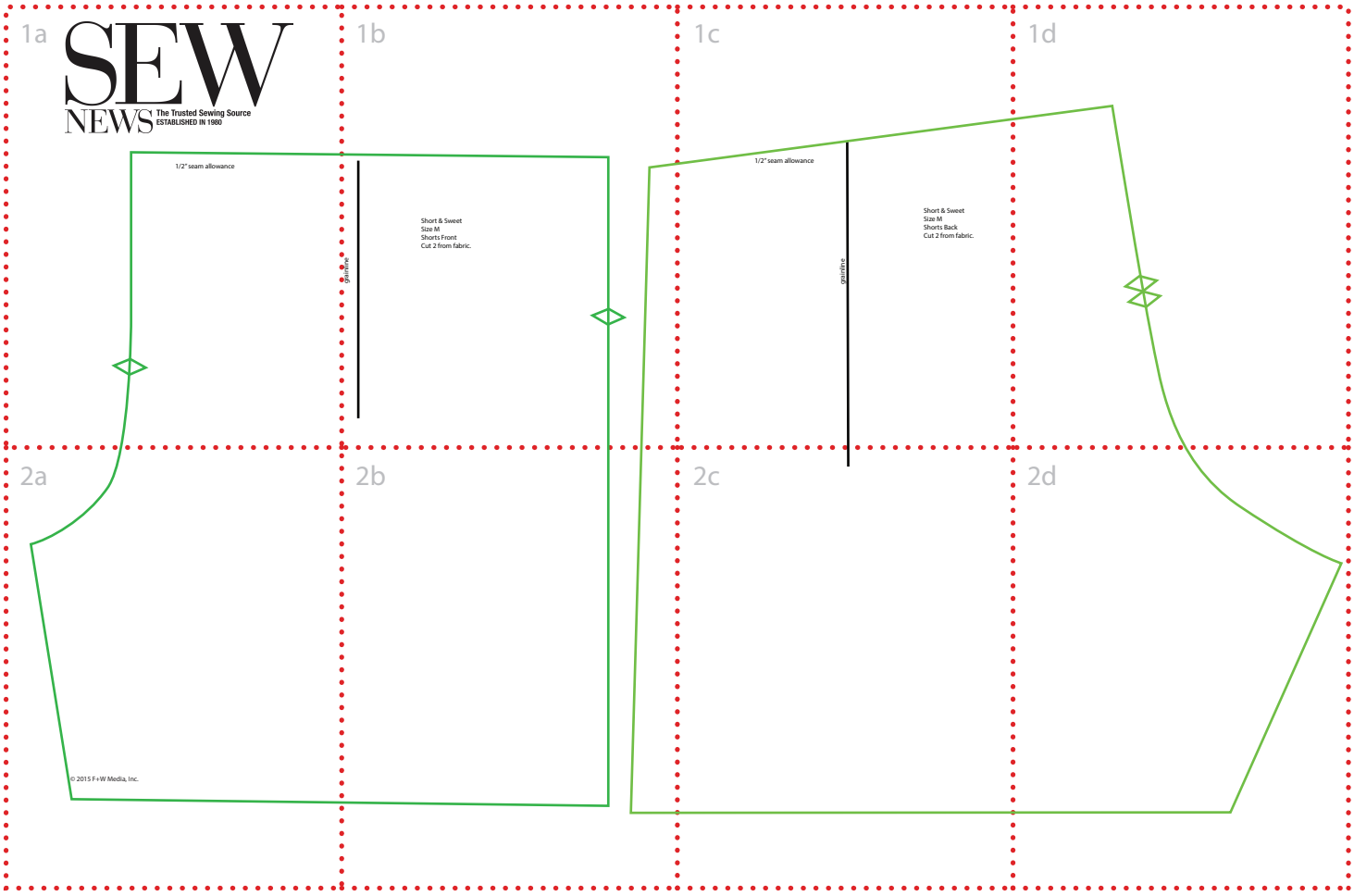

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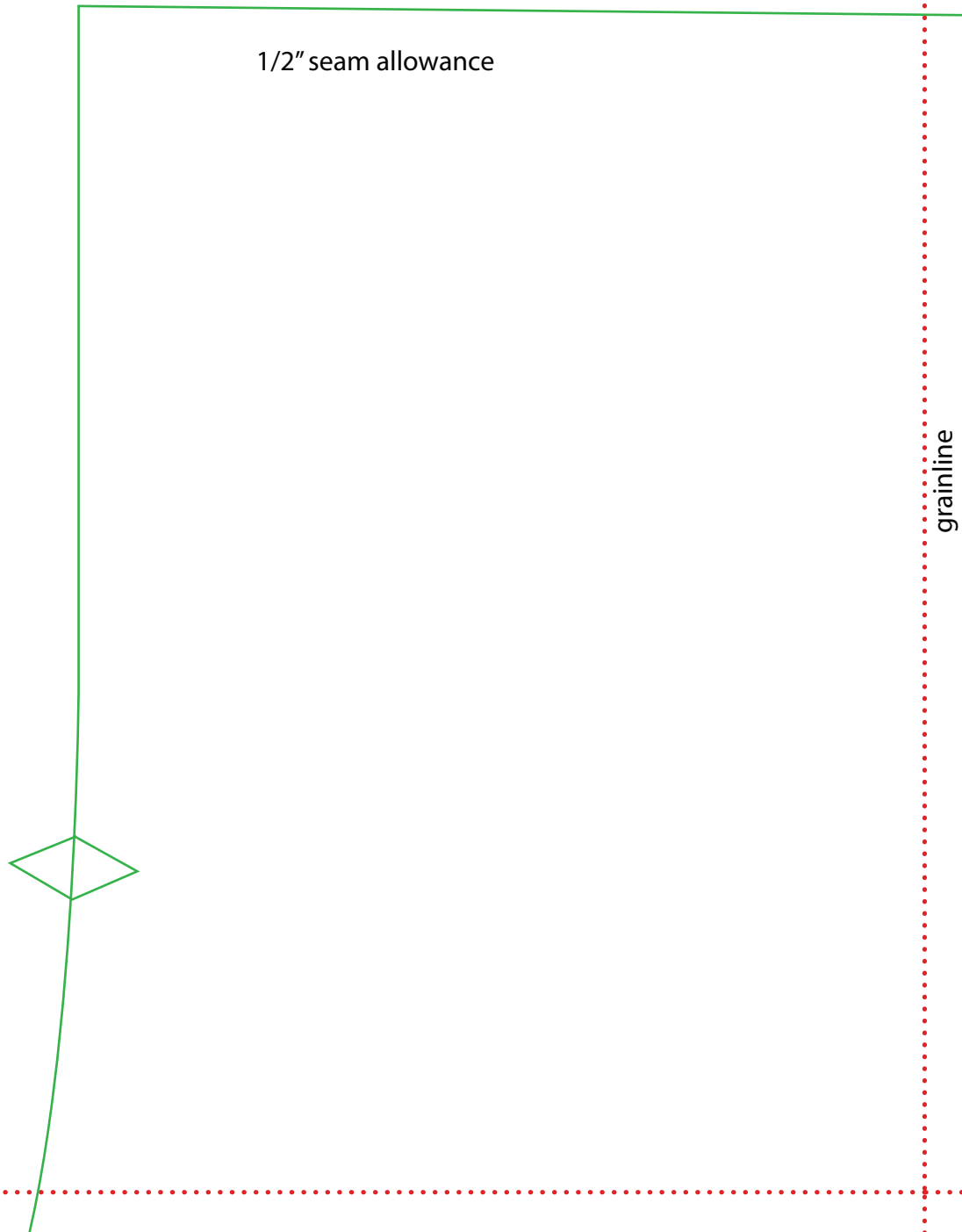

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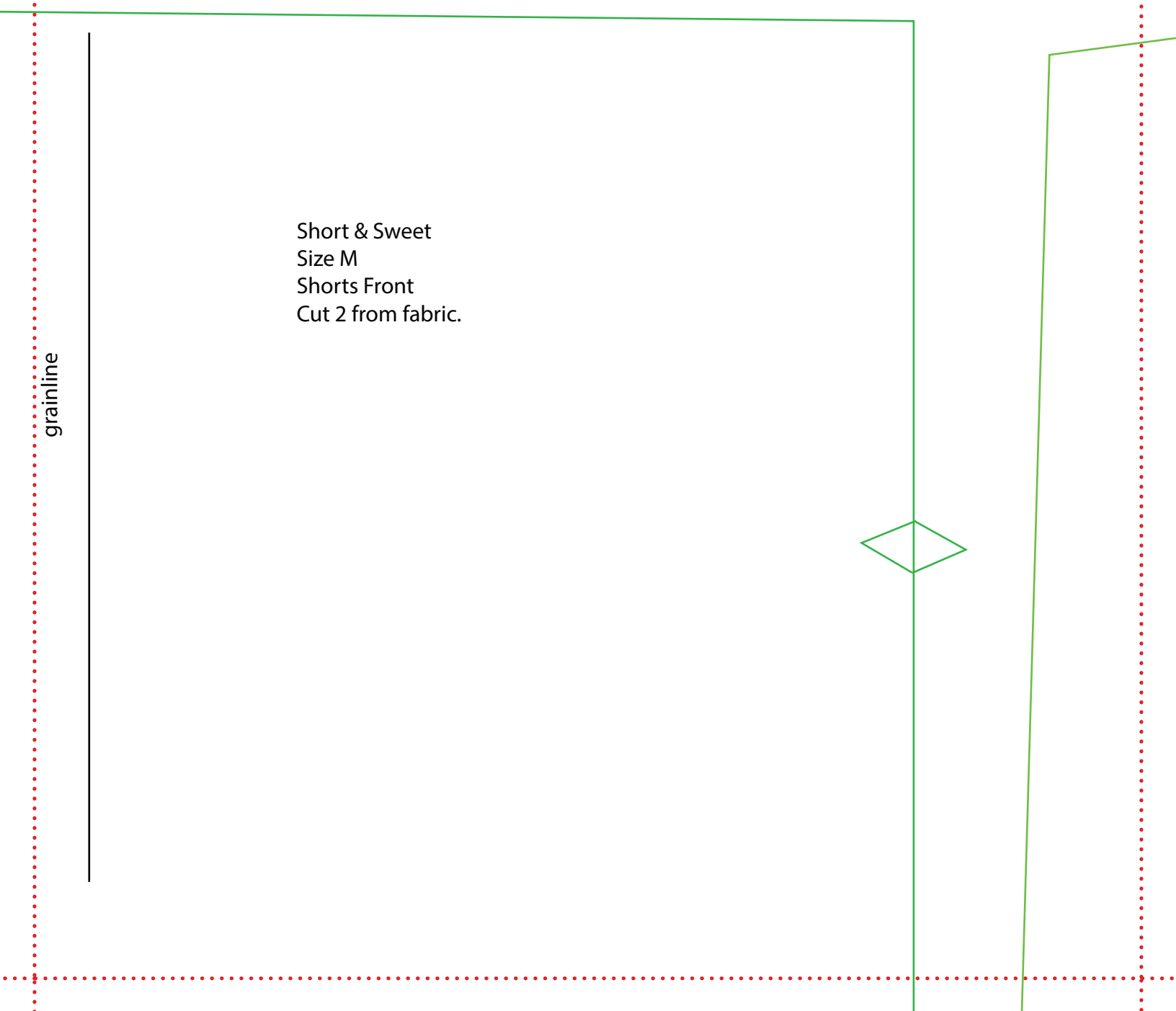

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Size M
Shorts Front
Cut 2 from fabric.

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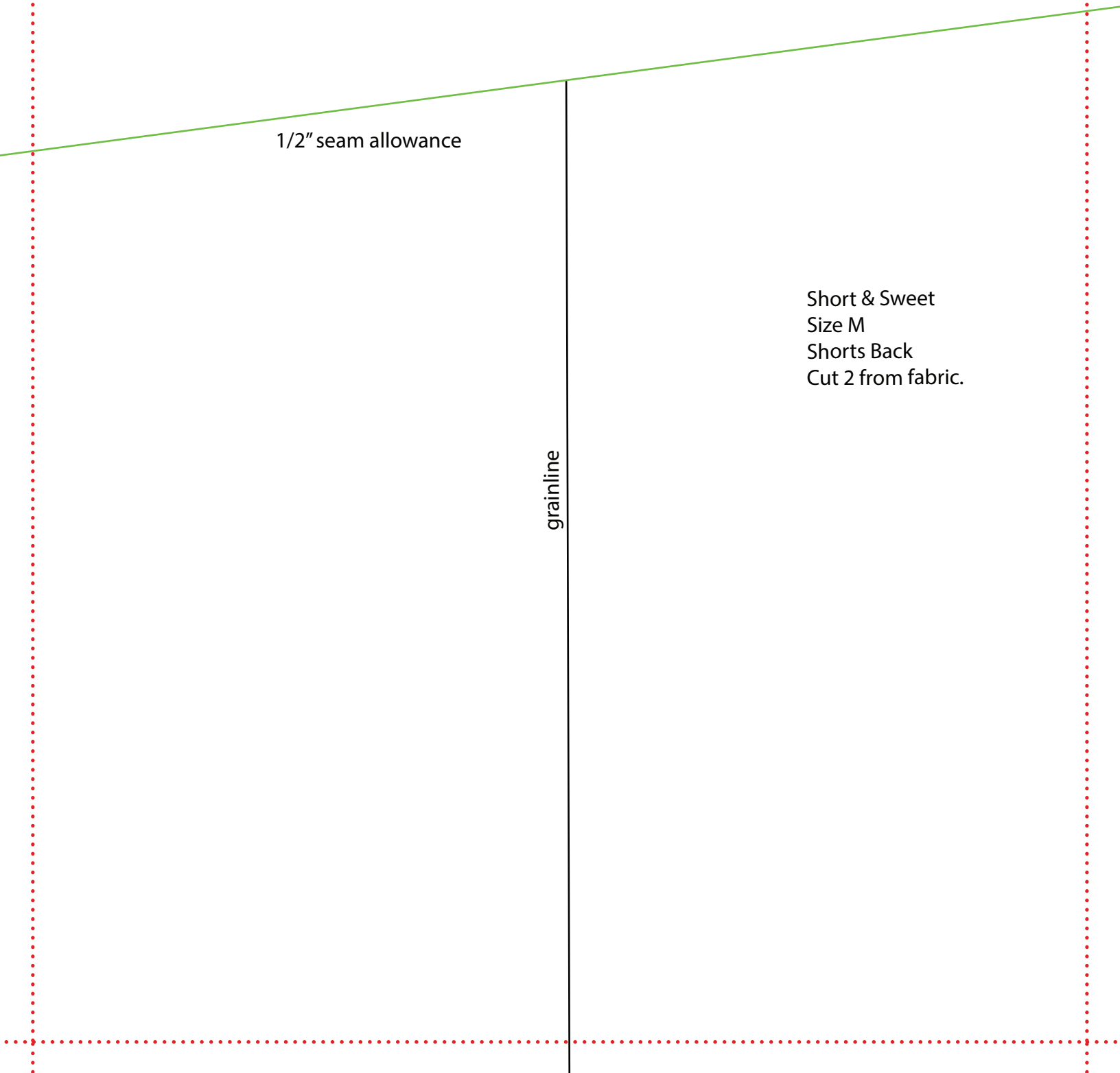

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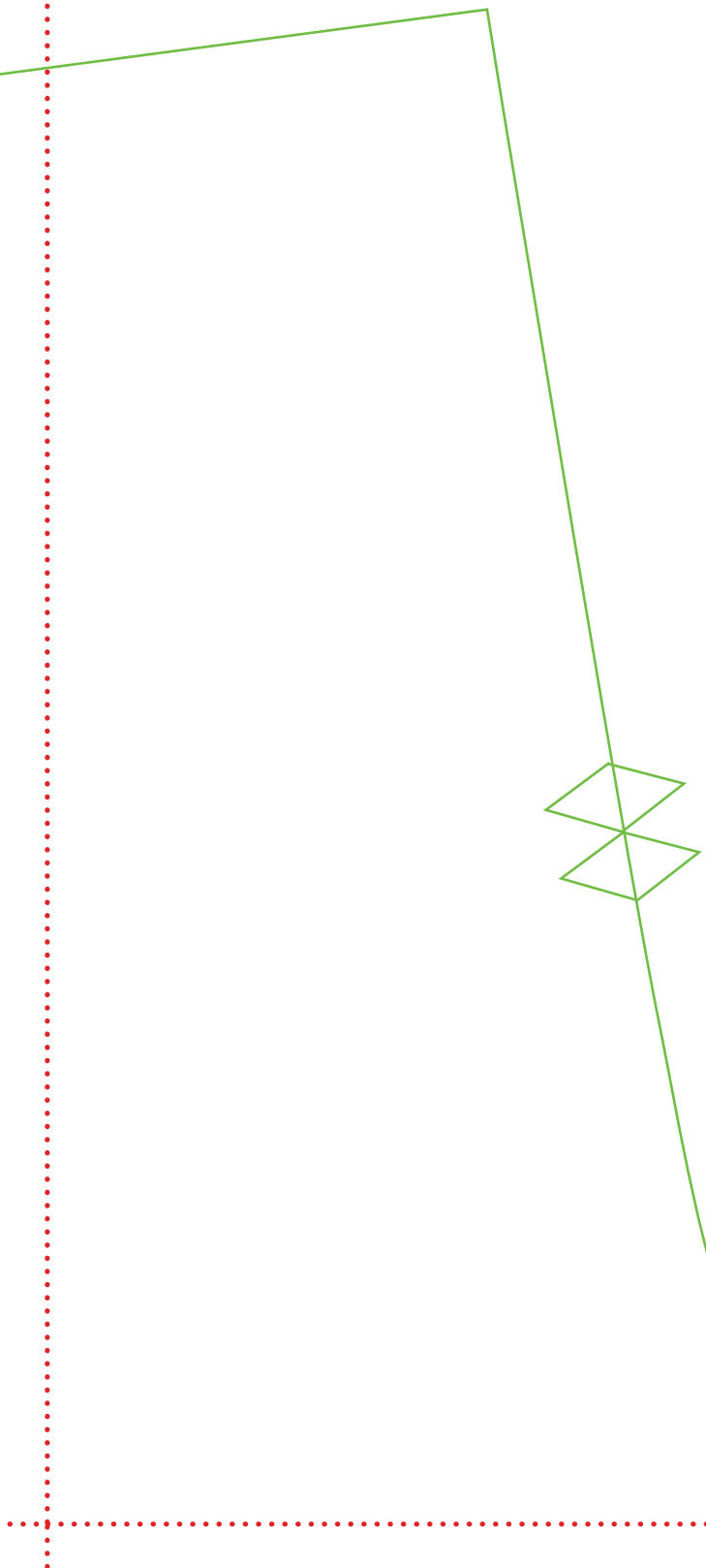

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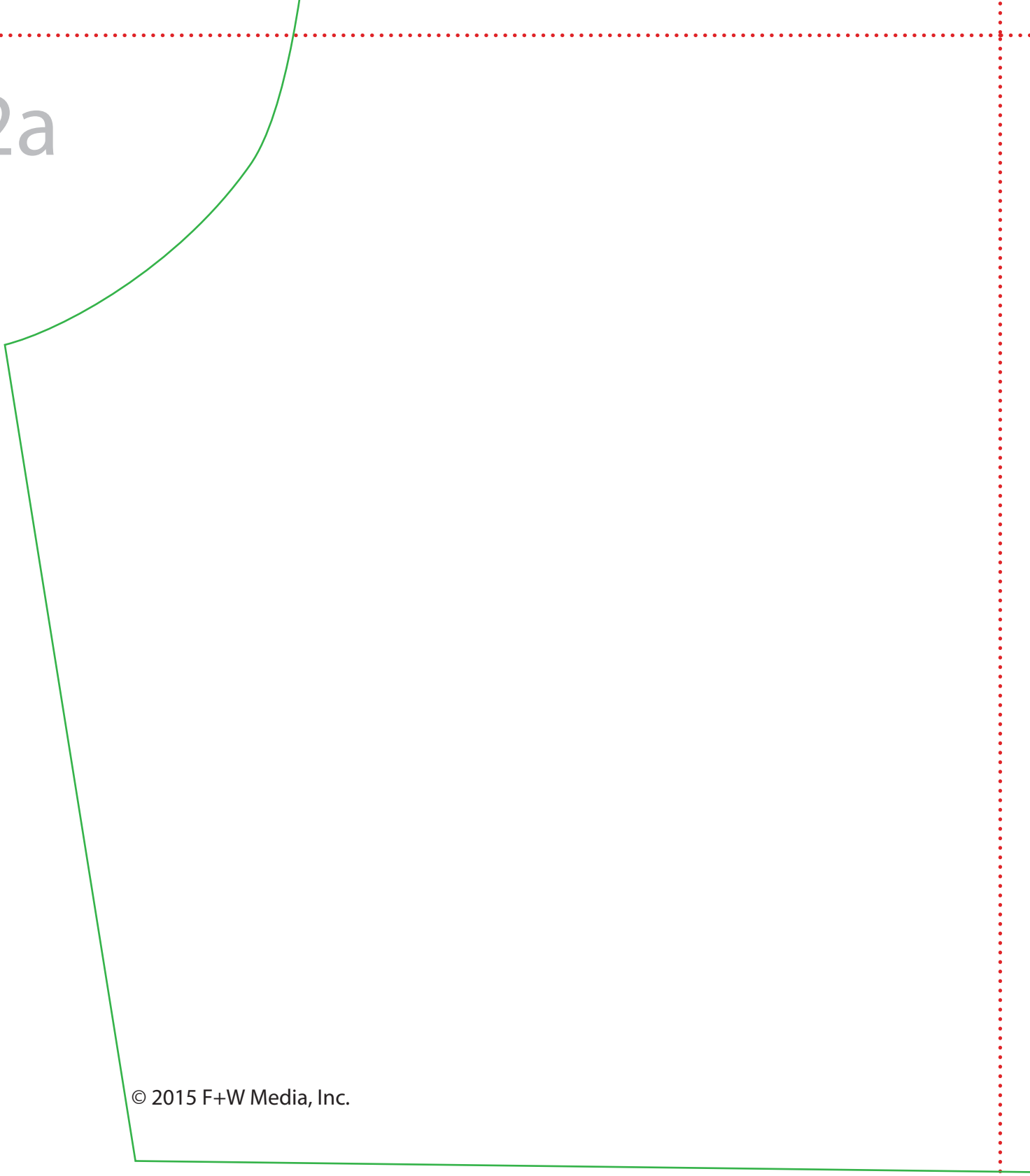

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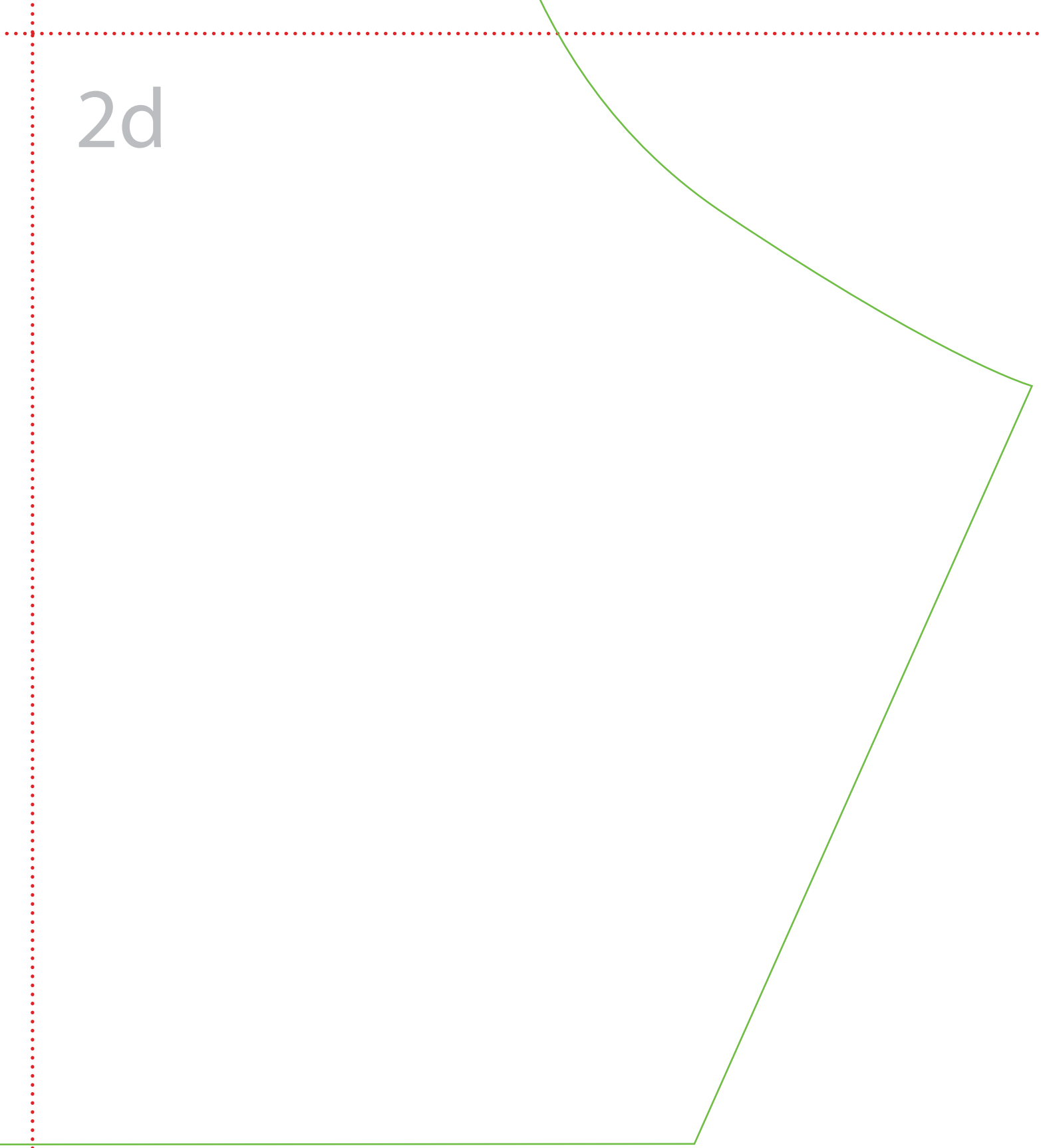

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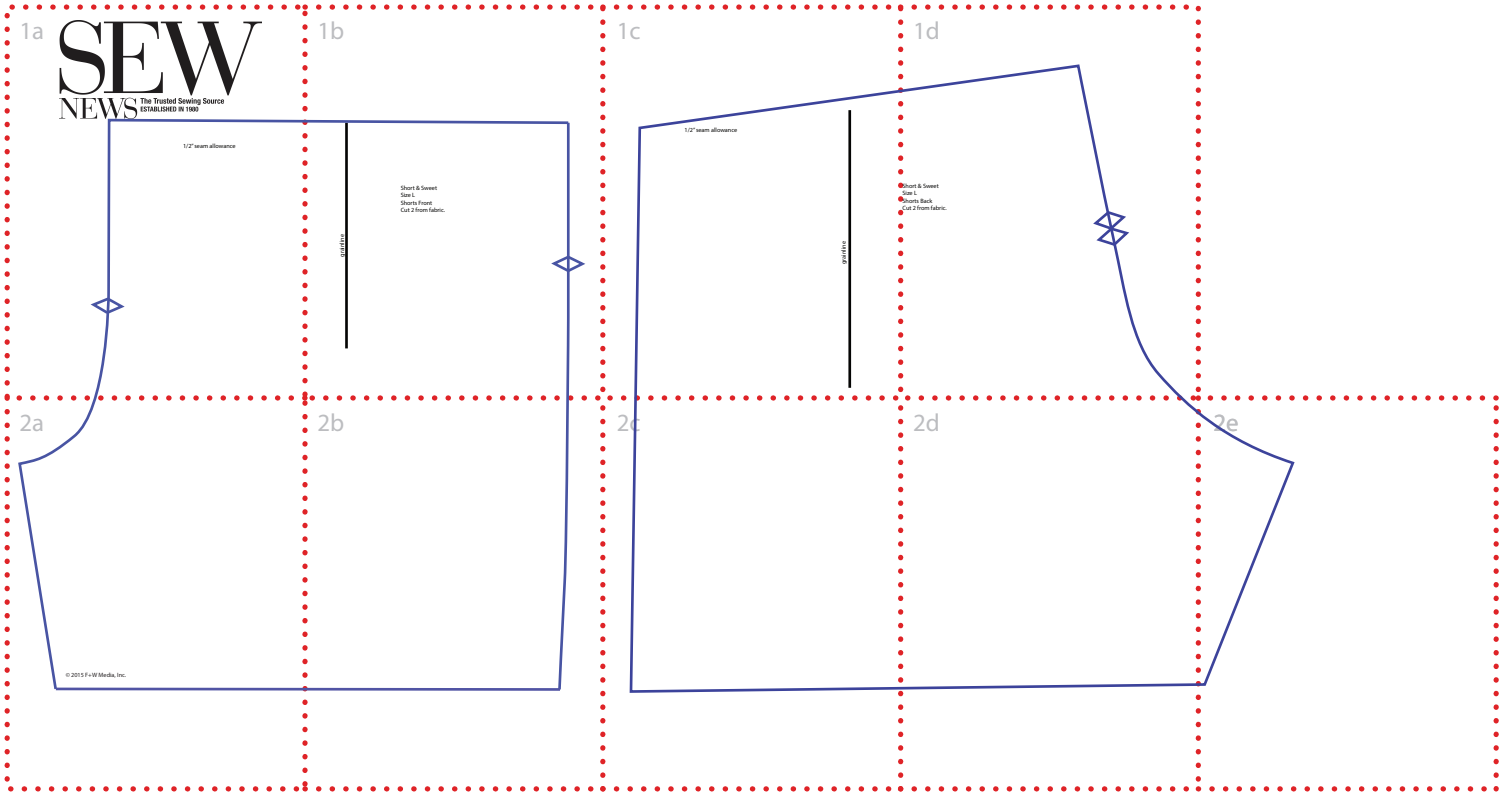

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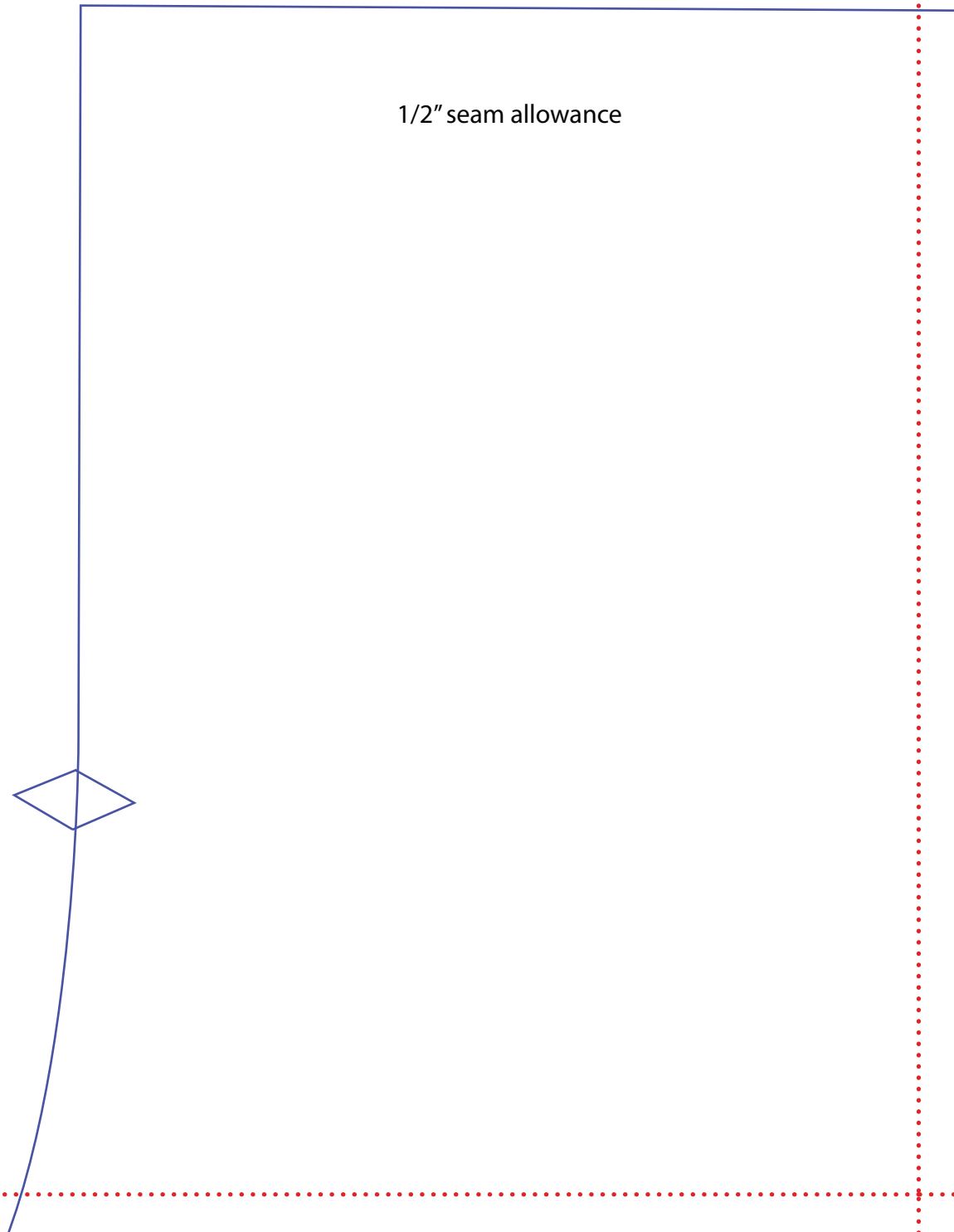

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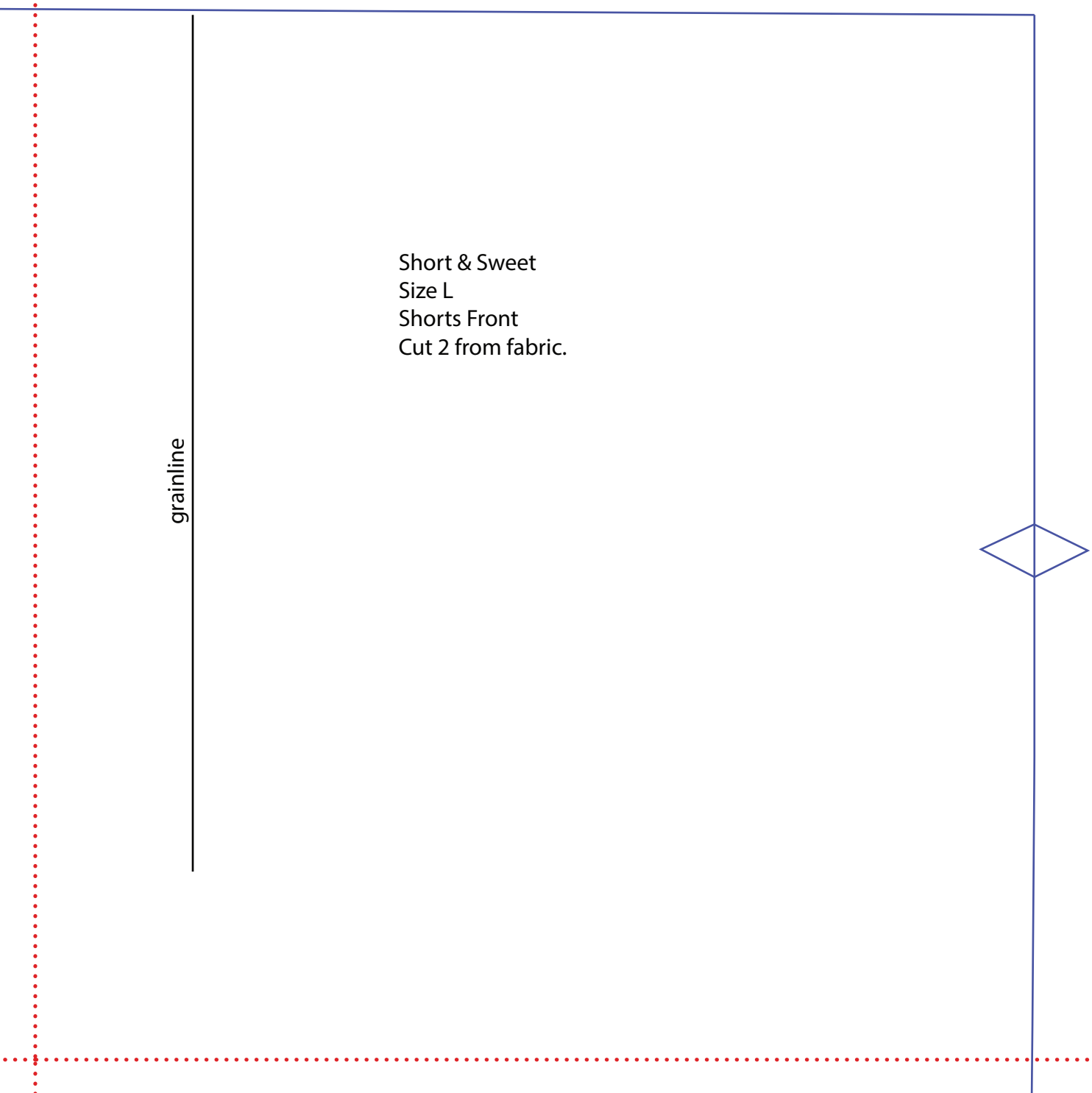

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Size L
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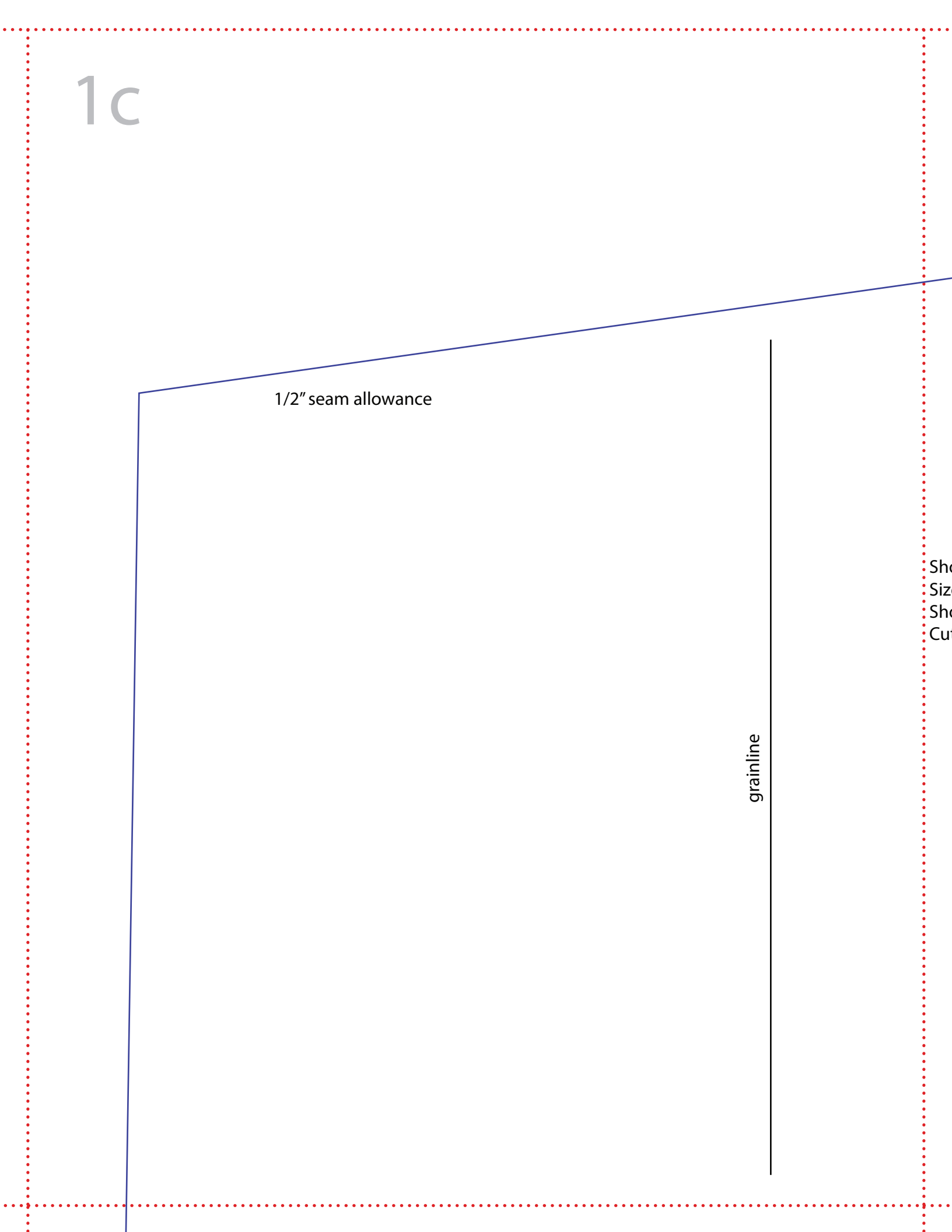

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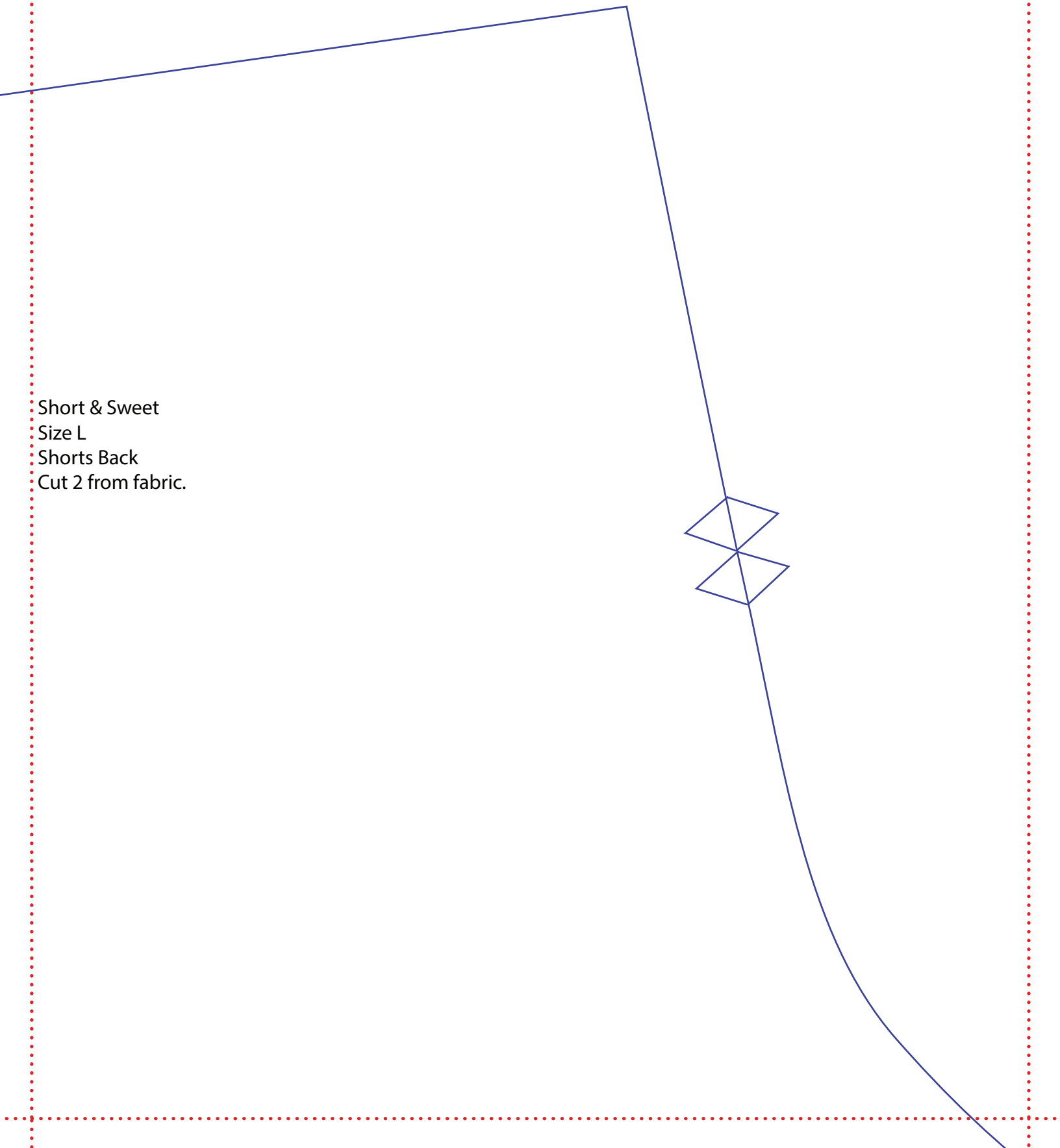

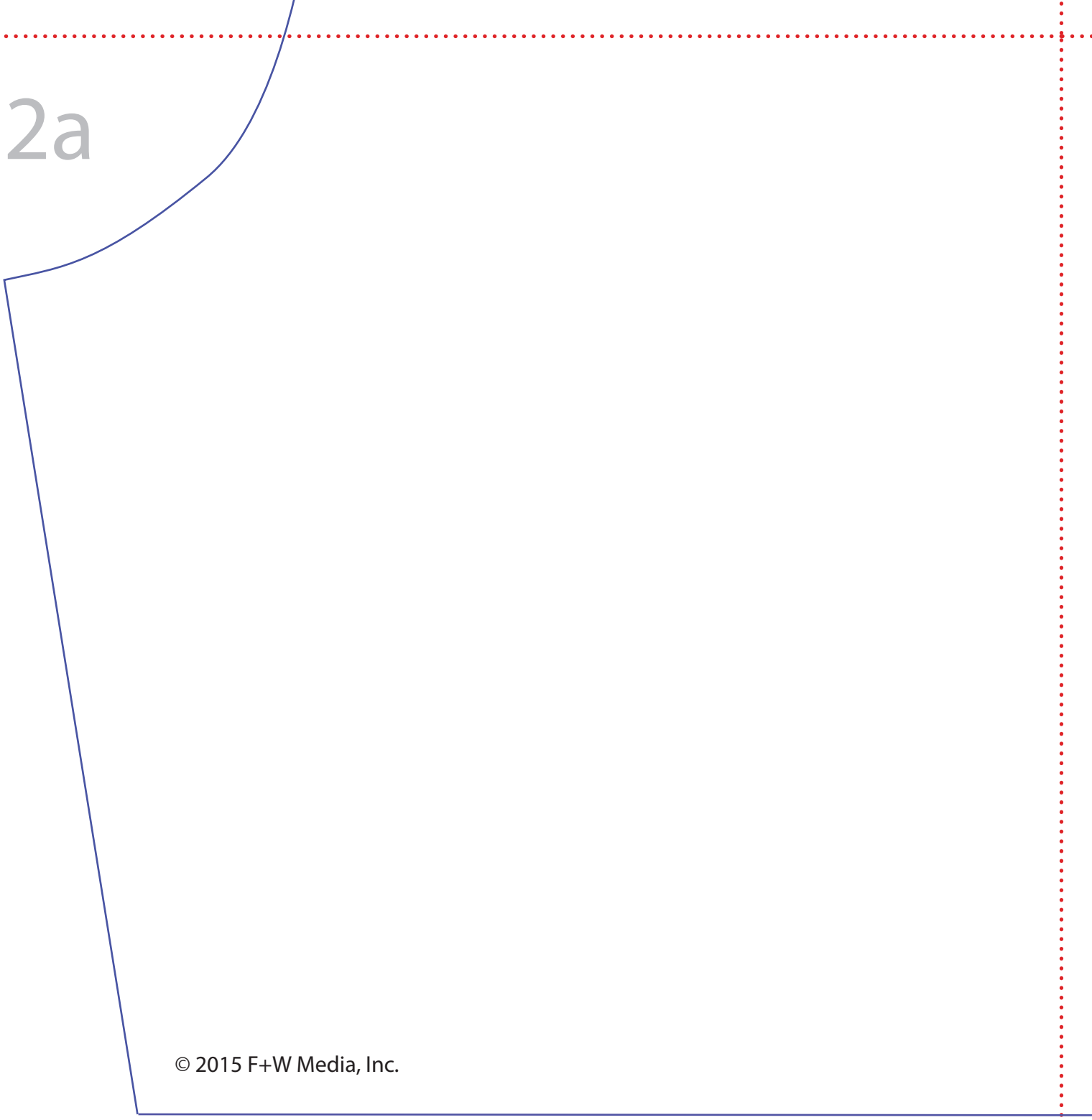

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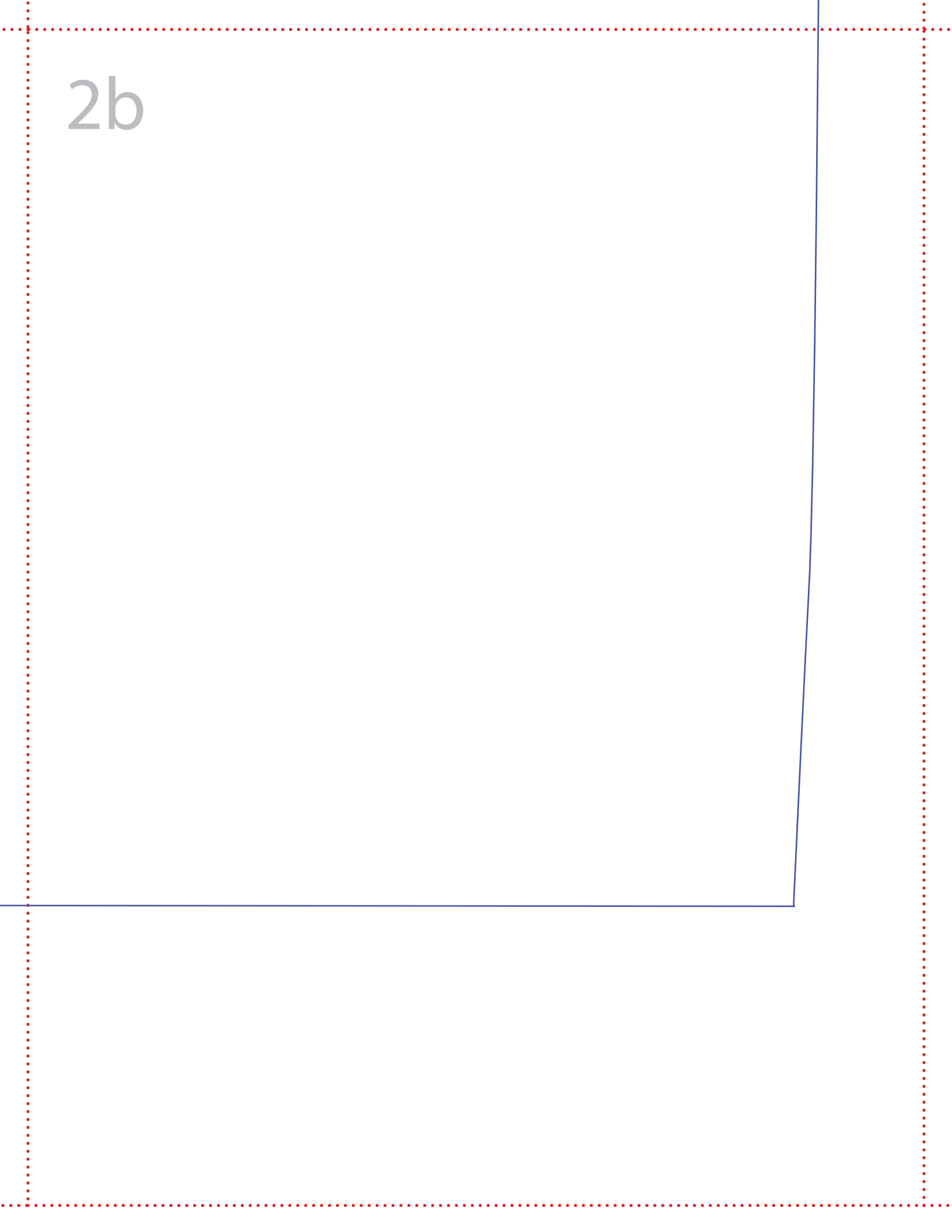
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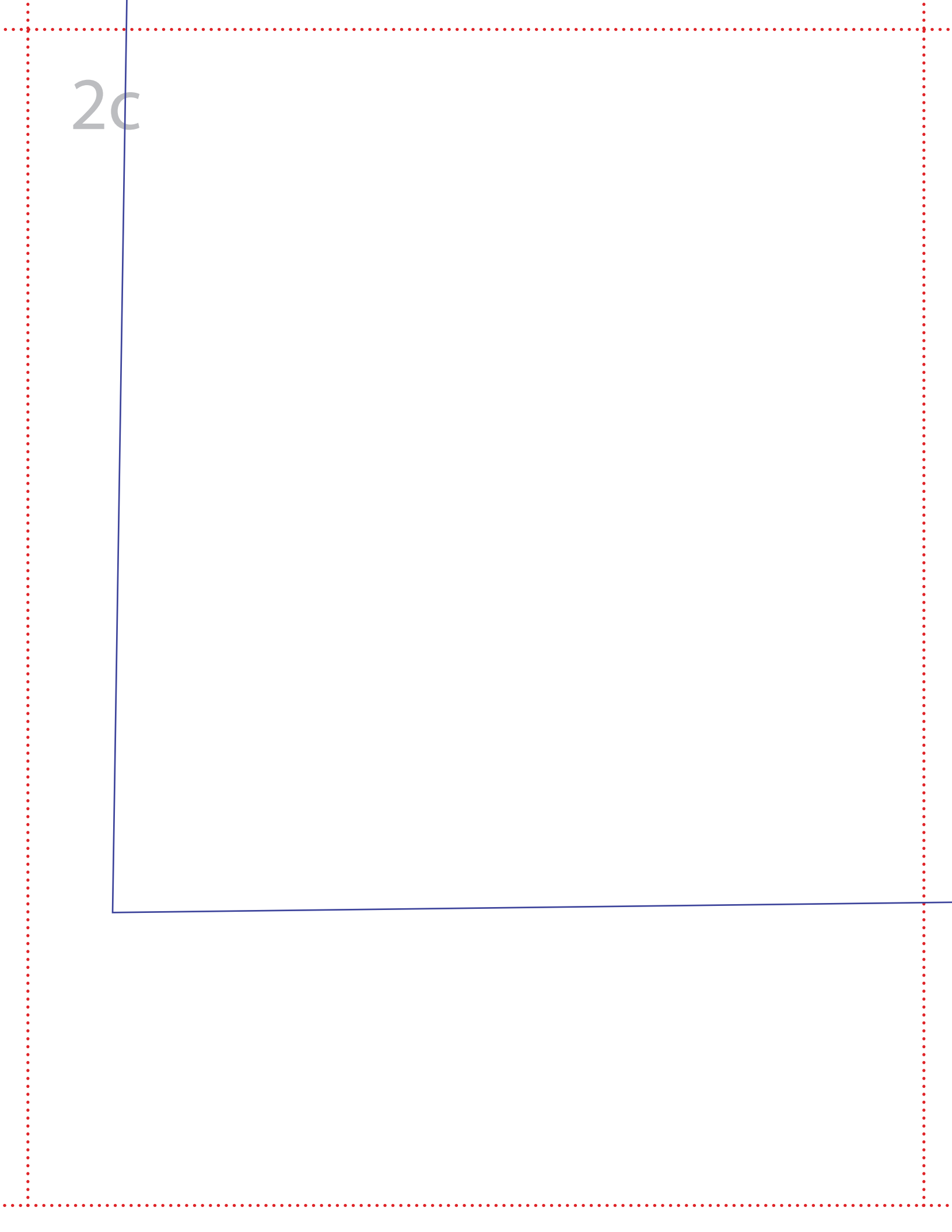
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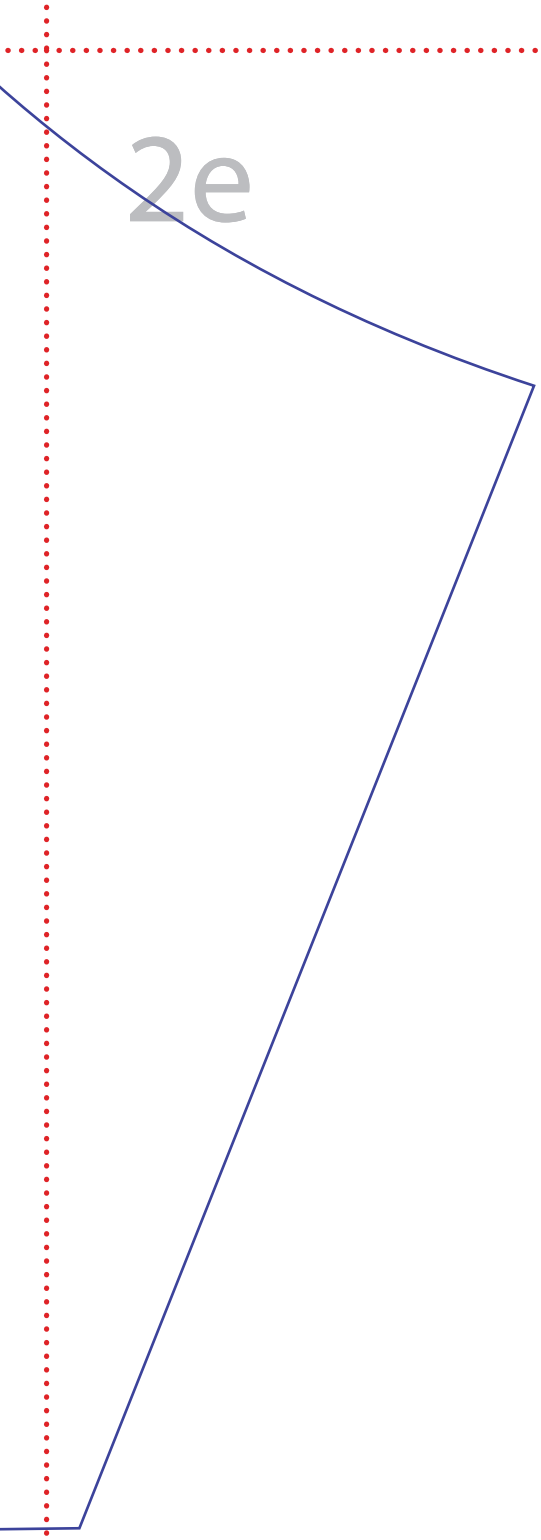
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